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A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 3.30 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright. Also present Mr. Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Landscape Architects, accompanying grading plans for the junctions of Peterboro and Queensberry streets with Audubon road, was received and the Superintendent was directed to make a plan of the land recommended by them to be abandoned.

Communications from the Landscape Architects, accompanying plans for Billings Field, also regarding bills for professional services, were received and laid over.

A communication from Mr. E. W. Howe acknowledging receipt of the vote of the Board of December 28th, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Reginald H. Howe Jr. in reply to the inquiry of the Board relative to the supposed killing of a mocking bird in the parkway, also communication from the Police Department regarding the enforcement of the rule relating to dogs, were received and placed on file.

Concurrence of the Brookline Park Commissioners in the filling of one of the small ponds in the vicinity of Ward's pond, was received and placed on file

A report from C. I. Hudgens on the burro service at Franklin and Marine parks during the past season, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners asking for a conference on the subject of the assessment for tide-water displacement on account of the filling in Mystic river, Charlestown, was received and referred to the Chairman to confer with the Harbor and Land Commissioners.

Mr. Stratton stated that he had held a conference with the Superintendent of Streets, Thursday afternoon, regarding the Back Bay Fens matter, at which it was agreed that the Deputy Superintendent of Sewers should meet Mr. Pettigrew and Mr. Seth Perkins at the Fens to consider the best means of removing the deposits at the outlets of the channels of Stony Brook and to estimate the expense of such removal.

The Superintendent reported that the funds for construction had so far diminished that, unless further appropriations were made, it would be necessary to suspend all work at the end of

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the present month. The matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Mayor with a view of bringing the subject to the attention of the City Government.

Mr. W. E. Sheldon came before the Board and submitted a request in writing that the Board consent to his taking a partner in the Park Boat Service. Mr. Sheldon stated that he preferred to establish the business as a corporation, and also requested that he be allowed to withdraw the boats from Leverett Park as the patronage did not warrant the continuance of this station.

The Board took Mr. Sheldon's requests under consideration.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 10, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 3.30 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright. Also present Mr. Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted the following bids for the masonry and brick alterations at the Administration Building, to fit it for use as a stable:

C. H. Dodge,	Boston,	$389.00
Johnson Brothers.	"	289.00
C. A. Dodge & Co.	"	239.00
William K. Sawyer.	"	155.00

The Superintendent stated that he had accepted the lowest bid, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent's action be approved.

The Superintendent reported on the request of the Superintendent of Streets for planting plans for Columbia road, recommending the excavation of all grass and planting spaces to a depth of two feet six inches below finished grade and refilling with good loam. The Superintendent further recommended the widening under the surface of the excavation for loam on the planting space adjoining the street car reservation and the space between curb and sidewalk to ten feet; also that a loam space be provided for trees on the north side of the traffic road from

Franklin Park to Dorchesterway, the trees to be planted and cared for by this department. The Superintendent's recommendations were approved and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the same to the Superintendent of Streets.

On the Superintendent's recommendation it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to secure the services of Dr. Austin Peters, veterinary surgeon, in selecting the horses to be used in maintenance, and that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase four sprinkler wagons for maintenance service for use on Commonwealth avenue.

WHEREAS the appropriation for construction of the parks, excepting that portion which is required to be held to meet expenditures under contracts, has been exhausted

THEREFORE, VOTED, that the Superintendent reduce the working force so as to bring the expenses within the appropriation for maintenance on the basis of the appropriation for the present fiscal year.

A report from the Landscape Architects, upon a proposed building limit for the property fronting on Columbia road, was received and laid over.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the removal of the deposits in the Back Bay Fens and recommending the securing of a special appropriation for the purpose. Mr. Pettigrew reported the results of his investigation of the matter in company with a representative of the Street Department and Mr. Seth Perkins, and the conclusion they had arrived at, namely; that the material should be pumped through the conduit into the Charles river and removed thence by scows to the sea. The matter was laid over pending a report from the Street Department of the estimated cost of doing the work.

A proposition of Hugh Farrell to finish work on N-street sewer for $30.00, with a recommendation from the City Engineer that the proposal be accepted, together with a bill of $70.50 for 47 barrels of Portland cement used in place of American cement, which the City Engineer also recommended to be allowed, were received and it was

VOTED, that the proposal be accepted and that the bill of $70.50, together with the final estimate under the contract, be allowed and paid.

A communication from the Electrical Construction Division,

regarding the cost of wiring the buildings and piers at North End Park, was received and laid over until a further appropriation for construction is made by the City Council.

A communication from W.J.Hurd offering sixty cents per foot for land on Seaver street belonging to the City, was received and the Secretary was directed to notify him that the Board will accept sixty-five cents per foot.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting that a portion of Dorchester Park near Adams street be flooded for skating, also sundry orders of the Common Council requesting that skating arrangements be made at the playgrounds at Charlestown and the North End, were received. The Superintendent reported on the question of the expense of building a dam and flooding a small area of North End Beach for skating. Subsequently a report on the subject of additional skating accommodations was made to the Mayor.

A communication was received from W.E.Sheldon suggesting the name of Boston Parks Boat Transit Company for the new corporation to carry on the boat service, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board prefers the title, Boston Parks Boat Service Company.

Mr.Doonan and his counsel, Mr. Mason, came before the Board in regard to a settlement of his claim for further compensation under his contract for grading at the Arnold Arboretum. Mr. Mason claimed additional compensation on account of change in contract work as follows:

Abandoned cut,	$105.95	
Boulders,	299.70	
Shallow cut,	2300.00	
Avoiding tree,	200.00	
Manure furnished,	25.00	
Extra expense on picks,	200.00	$3,630.65

The Chairman stated that, considering the great hardship to Mr. Doonan in carrying out the work under the circumstances, the Board, after conference, had concluded to raise its previous offer to $1250 in addition to the amount due under the contract. It was thereupon,

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to James Doonan the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars ($1250) in addition to the amount due under his contract for grading at the Arnold Arboretum, provided he signs a release of all claims for damages

or extra work caused by change of plans or by directions given by the Board or its agents in the prosecution of the work, satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Parks.

A report was received from Henry W. Hunt, the expert employed by the Board to appraise the value of the land taken from the Russ estate for the Strandway. Mr. Hunt's estimate was $53,000. After hearing the report of the expert it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Dudley A. Dorr, Trustee under the will of Augustus Russ, for land taken for the Strandway for the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars without interest or costs.

Mr. John C.Cobb conferred with the Board regarding the land taken for the North End Playground which was still unsettled for. Mr. Cobb said that David Flynn wanted $8,500 for his two lots, this was about $1,000 more than the Board had paid for the adjoining properties. Mr. Flynn claimed that the Bennet avenue property was worth more because it immediately joined the Prince street lots. Without formal vote Mr. Cobb was authorized to settle any case on the basis of the settlements already made,provided a sufficient transfer is made by the Mayor to cover any excess of cost above the balance of the appropriation.

Executive circular No.30, regarding the publication of"The City Record", was received and placed on file.

Communications from Albert E. Pillsbury regarding the nuisance caused by the heavy traffic over the Beacon street bridge, and suggesting the construction of an ornamental stone bridge in connection with the completion of the park north of Beacon street; also requesting information as to the park regulations applicable to Charlesgate West, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Mr. F. L. Olmsted, Jr. came before the Board with regard to the Billings Field plans. Mr. Olmsted stated that these and other plans for playgrounds,already submitted,were preliminary plans merely and that they were ready to revise them in any way the Board desired. If the plans are satisfactory they will furnish the grading plans, profiles and cross sections without further expense than the cost of draughting them. The Commissioners stated that their idea was to treat the grounds in the sim-

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plest way possible, without expensive buildings or apparatus but merely as open playgrounds or ball fields. The Commissioners also directed Mr. Olmsted to do no further work without a vote of the Board.

A communication from the Electrical Construction Division recommending a rearrangement of the wires of the electric light service at Pine Bank House, at an estimated cost of fifteen dollars for changing the mains, was received and the Superintendent was authorized to order the work done.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 17, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2.30 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported a proposal from Holbrook, Cabot and Daly for filling delivered at Billings Field Playground, at prices ranging from twenty-two to thirty cents according to the amount delivered; and a communication was sent to the Mayor suggesting that a further appropriation be made in order that the department may avail itself of this opportunity to obtain the filling required at favorable rates.

A communication was received from the Mayor regarding the complaint of Councilman Norris of Ward 13, of alleged discrimination against his ward in the suspension of park laborers, and a reply was made to the Mayor in accordance with his request.

Mr. Thomas H. Canning, District Secretary Treasurer Knights of Labor, D. A. 30, came before the Board and stated that he had had an interview with the Mayor in reference to the laying off of the park laborers, and that the Mayor informed him that he intended to ask for a special appropriation for park construction. Mr. Canning asked that the work now being done be shared by all the men of the department. He also asked that Union men be given precedence over men not belonging to the Union, and that men with families be given work in preference to single men.

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The Superintendent reported that many of the suspended men had asked for a restoration of the plan of half time so that what work there was would be evenly divided, and that he would recommend this if some twenty-five or thirty of the least worthy could be notified that their names would be carried on the suspended list for thirty or sixty days, for the purpose of enabling them to obtain transfers, and that their services would be no longer needed. It was thereupon

VOTED, that the Superintendent's recommendation be adopted.

A communication from the Landscape Architects regarding the time when the sketches for Neponset Playground and Dorchester Avenue Playground were made, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Landscape Architects with alternative plans for North Brighton Playground was received and referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

An order of the Common Council requesting that a base ball field be laid out on Dorchester Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

An order of the Common Council requesting an estimate for the construction and maintenance of a public landing outside the Strandway for the accommodation of yachts and small craft, was received and referred to Mr. Wheelwright.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets calling attention to the need of an iron rail at the corner of Charter street and Line alley, North End; also regarding a division fence between the North End Paving Yard and the North End Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, relating to the removal of poles on the Arborway at South street near Forest Hills, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Chairman submitted a letter from Mr. A. E. Pillsbury regarding the annoyance caused by the passing of the trolly cars over the iron bridge at the Beacon street outlet of the fens and suggesting that a stone bridge would remedy the difficulty and greatly enhance the attractiveness of the park. The letter was referred to the Chairman to bring the matter to the attention of the Mayor as the proper one to give the relief sought.

A communication from John A. Stetson, Commodore of the Boston Yacht Club, requesting information as to the terms under which the Club may occupy a site on the Strandway, was received and

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referred to Mr. Wheelwright for reply.

The Board authorized the Superintendent to request the City Engineer to transfer John P. Dinand to this department until the completion of the contract work on the Strandway.

A communication from the City Solicitor relating to the settlement of the case of Dudley A. Dorr, Trustee, for land taken for the Strandway, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, to rescind the vote of January 10, 1898, whereby the Law Department was authorized to settle the case of Dudley A. Dorr, Trustee under the will of Augustus Russ, for land taken for the Strandway for the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars, without interest or costs.

A letter was sent to the City Solicitor notifying him of this action

An order of the Com on Council requesting an estimate of the cost of establishing and maintaining an all-the-year-round bath house and gymnasium in connection with the playground in Ward 3, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Woman's Education Association enclosing bill for care of tree labels and requesting a further appropriation for this purpose, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Executive circulars 31 and 32, relating to the classification of accounts and the establishment of a Repair Division under the Public Buildings Department; also a communication from the Department of Municipal Statistics relating to copy for The City Record, were received and placed on file,and the Superintendent was directed to furnish the list of mechanics requested by the Mayor.

A communication from Allen Danforth, Deputy Treasurer Harvard College, relating to proposed taking of land for extension of North Brighton Playground, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

An offer of W. J. Hurd of 62 1/2 cents per foot for land on Seaver street was received and referred to the Secretary to confer with him and ascertain whether he will pay a larger price if the land is sold without restrictions.

A communication from Simon J. Donovan regarding progress of work on the Strandway wall and removal of the Boston Yacht Club House, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the City Solicitor relating to a settle-

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ment of the case of Horace Jordan for land taken for Franklin Field, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Horace Jordan for land taken for Franklin Field for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars without costs or interest, upon his giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department.

A communication was sent to the Mayor referring to the fact that the Board had established a water system independent of the City supply, and requesting that application be made to the Metropolitan Water Board, to furnish this department with water at the same rates that the City will pay for water for ordinary consumption.

VOTED, that the East Boston Cricket Club be permitted, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks, to use a portion of the playground at Wood Island Park for the purpose of playing cricket, during the season of 1898.

The Superintendent submitted a request from the Board of Governors of the East Boston Gymnasium for the appointment of certain days for track and other exercises by the East Boston Athletic Association, and it was

VOTED, that the request be granted under the supervision of the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke, Jr.
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 24, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A HEARING was given to persons interested in the subject of the proper treatment of the forestry of the park system. Mr. W. Henry Winslow presented a petition from Charles B. Cumings and others requesting that the Board permit the co-operation of

a committee selected by the petitioners to share in the responsibility of removing natural features from the parks, including trees and shrubbery.

Before presenting the petition, Mr.Winslow made a brief statement of the position of the remonstrants. He said they wanted the maximum of nature and the minimum of artificiality, showing the natural wildness just as much as possible. That the Commissioners honestly desired the best results was not doubted, but their ideas appeared to be quite different from those of the people. It might be said that the public was too ignorant of this subject to appreciate a perfect park. If that be so,the perfect park could wait until the people were educated up to it. The people objected to the substitution of artificial features, at great cost,for the natural. As instances of the objectionable methods pursued, Ward's and Jamaica ponds were cited,these having suffered the loss of much shrubbery and made to look barren and unnatural. The people promoting this remonstrance,the speaker said, did not seek to control those in authority, but to suggest and assist them. Mr.Winslow then read letters of protest from Professor W. O. Crosby, Dr. R. T. Edes, and Miss E. C. Cleveland, and called on several gentlemen to address the Board.

Professor William Brewster of Cambridge spoke of the effect of tree cutting at Franklin Park on native birds and other animals. He disapproved the cutting of the beautiful natural woods in Franklin Park and emphasized the fact that the clearing of shrubbery drove away the birds in great numbers, depriving them of nestling and feeding places, and in many instances he had observed great detriment in park preserves from this cause. He thought that the Commission had been very unfortunate in having the advice of Professor Charles S. Sargent, for, while he did not question his standing and knowledge as an arboriculturalist, he did consider him incompetent to deal with forestry from the standpoint of an artist.

Mr. John J. Enniking said he was not familiar with the late operations, but last year the Boston Art Club appointed him to examine into this matter, and he found that many trees had been cut down and, from an artist's point of view, great harm had been done. It might be necessary to experiment with trees in an arboretum, but it should not be done in a park. Art and science look at things from very different standpoints. The artist dwells upon the natural and accidental. No scientist can repro-

duce exactly the effects of nature. He cannot compete with the Almighty, although great things have been accomplished in landscape gardening. The construction of many artificial features of the parks had caused great damage from the standpoint of an artist, many of these things had better have been left undone, and while securing thereby the real object, great and unnecessary expenditures would have been saved. Just as far as possible nature should be left untouched, even to the retaining of a dying tree. An artist will not go to such a place as Boston is creating. The petitioners do not want any experimenting with Franklin Park. It is a beautiful spot with fine scenic effects. They desire to have experts on the Commission to save trees. The present policy seems to want to level everything and destroy the accidentalness of nature. No landscape gardener can create natural features as nature does.

Mr. Frank T. Merrill referred to a report of Mr.Olmsted regarding the problem involved in the construction of Franklin Park. Mr.Olmsted described it as giving back to nature tracts used for other purposes. Roads and walks are required to open it to the public. Some destruction is necessary for the development of the plan. A part of Franklin Park was designed for formal treatment, the rest as a country park to be a wild spot. Formal treatment should be confined to the open park and should not be allowed in the country park. He referred particularly to the damage done along Forest Hills street. The park grounds adjoining Mr. Peters place comprised low lands and a pond at the base of a cliff. A few years ago it was a secluded and picturesque spot. The trees which have been cut out formed quite an effective screen and served a purpose in shutting out a view of the highway. The term "wilderness" applied to this part of the park suggests an almost impenetrable forest growth. A great injury has been done to the park in this aspect of it, the screen being removed its seclusion and picturesqueness have departed. He said that Mr.Sargent's work was well known to him. He is preeminent in his specialty but he is not competent in the treatment of forestry in its relation to preserving the native forest. He asked if the Commissioners had ever seen a forest not devastated by fire which did not consist of fine trees. The verdict which would be passed on the work now being done in the parks would be that of mistaken methods.

Mr.Nathan H. Dole said that the divorcing of trees from their

fellows caused those remaining to look like telegraph poles. They were meant to stand together. The beauty of the forest is that the trees touch and make a canopy overhead; the mass of trees whether inferior or not are component parts of the whole. He instanced two trees that had stood together until lately in the Arboretum, one of which had been cut down leaving the other standing alone like a bereaved husband or wife.

Mr. George C. Mann said that he had built his house on Glen Road close to the most natural part of the park, which remains today the most picturesque and attractive portion of the park. The view through the woods would extend for a thousand feet if the underbrush is cleared up, but this is undesirable and he considered the unnecessary cutting an indefensible disturbance of the natural condition. Franklin Park should be left in its attractive condition. Boston should keep everything of an educational nature. A great educational feature is removed in the destruction of the natural features of the parks. Great injury had been done to the park woods. It was not necessary to do this cutting of trees and shrubs and the thing should stop before greater injury is done.

Mr. William Rotch asked that the Board stop the wholesale destruction which has gone on, particularly about Jamaica Pond where one can now see across in every direction. It does not add to its attractiveness. The mystery which attaches to the unseen is lost in the opening up of the border of woods which screen the pond.

Dr. Henry J. Barnes said he was much incensed by the cutting which had been done in the Fens. A great many young and vigorous trees planted in the last ten or fifteen years had been cut down, thereby opening up the foul, ill-smelling basin. He said the foliage should all be retained in order to counteract the unsanitary conditions of the basin.

Mrs Noble and another member of the Roxburgh Club also spoke in deprecation of the work now being done.

In reply the Chairman said that the Commission was glad to give the remonstrants a hearing and preferred to meet them rather than to have them rush into print. There was no difference existing in the matter of desire of making the parks beautiful, but naturally those conducting the work might on good grounds differ as to how the object should be accomplished, and it is not the intention of the Board to diminish the foliage but to

increase it. He cited as proof of this the fact that the Board had recently purchased thirty thousand native trees and one hundred thousand shrubs to be set out. It was governed by the advice of Professor Charles S. Sargent of Brookline, who is an authority on arboriculture. Nothing had been stripped and the cutting and other work that had been done would make the growth denser. Trees that had interfered and that were dying had been removed. The object is to promote natural conditions, and in order to preserve the parks in their best form for the future a certain amount of attention is necessary.

Mr.Wheelwright said that he had resided from boyhood near the park, and that he could speak from observation as a citizen, as well as from knowledge gained on the Board. The Commissioners regretted the removal of underbrush from the shores of Jamaica Pond, but it was necessary to insure future growth to the trees. Professor Sargent was averse to the removal of shrubbery except when necessary. They must have a plan and, in some instances, resort to artificial means and effects;sometimes thus in the planting of border trees. The work done around Jamaica Pond and the Parkman estate would be for the better. The Dabney place at Franklin Park was so dense and dark that something had to be done. The Commission wished to keep this domain entrusted to it in its natural beauty and it had resorted to the best advice possible - Professor Sargent. The Superintendent, Mr.Pettigrew, was a lover of nature and a man of wide experience in the work.

The Chairman read a letter from Professor Sargent and requested Mr. H. S. Hunnewell of Wellesley to speak. Mr. Hunnewell said that the work being done was a necessary one. He had to meet the same question at his own place in Wellesley. He was familiar with Mr. Charles Eliot's views who had assisted him in the marking of trees. He asserted that by cutting, nature is assisted, and a much stronger growth is promoted and a better effect obtained than if the processes of nature are undisturbed.

Mr. Winslow closed the case for the petitioners by saying that the petitioners want art representation not reproduction. They felt that the Board was unfortunate in having Professor Sargent's advice.

A communication from W. H. Reynolds, regarding tree cutting in the public parks, was received together with a report from the Superintendent on the subject, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

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Mr. Pettigrew reported with reference to the order of the Common Council requesting the Board to lay out a base ball field in Dorchester Park, that there is no cleared space of sufficient size which could be made into a ball ground. The only open area is too small, is close to Adams street and has steep grades, and would have to be filled at a cost of about $3300 to make it available for playground purposes. The report and order were placed on file.

A communication from the Police Department referring to the fact that the police are not permitted to use the water for drinking purposes on Castle Island, and enclosing a copy of a communication from Lieutenant Sewell of the Corps of Engineers, was received and referred to the Chairman to confer with Lieutenant Colonal Mansfield in the matter.

A communication from W. E. Sheldon relating to various matters in connection with the boating service, was received and laid over.

A communication from W. J. Hurd renewing his offer of 62 1/2 cents for land on Seaver street was received and it was

VOTED, that the offers of William J. Hurd and Martha M. Cole to purchase two parcels of land situated on the northeasterly side of Seaver street, adjoining Franklin Park, containing respectively three thousand three hundred and nineteen square feet, and two thousand and thirty-eight square feet, at sixty-two and a half cents per square foot and give agreements to hold their remaining lands within one hundred feet from Seaver street subject to the usual parkway restrictions, except that the reserved space shall be twenty instead of twenty-five feet, be accepted and that the Law Department be requested to prepare the papers to transfer said land in accordance with the provisions of chapter 411 of the Acts of 1896.

VOTED, that the vote of this Board of June 29,1894 to pay Henry H. Rueter the sum of one thousand dollars towards the cost of the wall built by him on the line of Leverett Park, on certain conditions, be rescinded because of his failure to comply with said conditions, and that the special draft therefor be withdrawn from the City Auditor.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed June 9, 1897, a parcel of land and flats belonging to Dudley A. Dorr, Trustee under the will of Augustus Russ, containing 1,242,100 square feet, more or less, situate in that part of Old Harbor, so called,

which adjoins the location of the Old Colony Railroad, was taken for a public park as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Dudley A. Dorr, Trustee, the sum of fifty-eight thousand dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, subject to taxes for 1897, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Strandway from Marine Park West.

A communication from Robert Treat Paine, president of the Associated Charities, transmitting a resolution from the Board of Directors relating to additional playgrounds, was received and placed on file.

Communications from Lemuel R. Howe, calling attention to the condition of the sidewalk on Commonwealth avenue between Kenmore street and Charlesgate West; from Henry E. Brennick, referred by the Mayor to this Board, requesting that M street playground be flooded for skating, and from John M. Hickey regarding a revolving observation tower, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Secretary was authorized to reissue annual emergency permits for the year ending February 1, 1899.

A communication from Hon. John R. Murphy, regarding the John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial, was received and laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the Common Council order regarding the establishment of an all-the-year-round bathhouse and gymnasium at Mystic Playground, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report thereon to the Mayor.

Mr. Wheelwright submitted a form of lease of the Refectory building at Franklin Park, which was approved and it was

VOTED, to lease the Franklin Park refectory for four years from January 1, 1898, to L. E. Bow, in accordance with the terms of the lease approved this day.

Leo F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 29, 1898.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 12 M. Present Messrs Stratton and Wheelwright.

VOTED, that the pay of Herbert L. Ogden, clerk, be increased from eighteen dollars per week to twelve hundred dollars per annum, to take effect February 1, 1898.

VOTED, that Emma W. Bunstead, stenographer and typewriter, be paid at the rate of sixty dollars per month, from February 1, 1898.

A communication was sent to the trustees of the Westminster Chambers calling their attention to chapter 313 of the acts of 1896, as amended by chapter 379 of the acts of 1897, and to the fact that St.James avenue is a way bordering upon a public park, to wit, Trinity Triangle, which was taken by the Board for park purposes, and notifying them that elevation of their proposed building above seventy feet would be in violation of law.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 7, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress Street, at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, Mr.Wheelwright being absent from the City. Also present Mr. Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a communication which he had received from the New York Department of Parks, regarding the cost of building and maintaining an aquarium, which was read and placed on file.

A communication from Mayor Quincy relating to a proposed transfer to this department of the portion of Commonwealth avenue immediately adjacent to the grounds around Chestnut Hill Reservoir, was received and referred to the Superintendent to look into the matter and report to the Board.

Orders of the City Council regarding the establishment of a gymnasium at M Street Playground, also regarding skating at North End Park, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

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Orders of the Common Council,regarding the placing of electric lights on Neptune Road and the establishment of an open-air gymnasium in Dorchester Park, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

An order of the Common Council,requesting the Mayor to instruct the Board to locate and maintain an office in the City proper,was received and placed on file.

An order of the City Council transferring the driveway and grounds around Chestnut Hill Reservoir, from the Water Department to the Park Department, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Henry J. Barnes asserting that the trees cut down in the Fens were in most cases sound and healthy, also from W. Henry Winslow relating to the publication of the reply of the Board to the petitioners regarding the cutting of trees. were received and placed on file.

A communication from W. E. Sheldon requesting refreshment privileges in connection with the boat service, also request of R. Victor Knupfer for reinstatement on the park force, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request from Clara M. Ripley,that a walk be laid out to the spring at Abbotswood,was received and referred to the Superintendent with full power.

A communication from Walter S. Wait, inquiring whether the price per foot awarded to the estate of Gilbert Wait is the same as that allowed the estate of Choate Burnham, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from Hon. John R. Murphy regarding the plantations adjoining the O'Reilly Memorial, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

An application from James M. Barry for permission to use a part of Audubon Road,in connection with the filling of land of the Boston Water Power Company, was received and permission refused.

A notice of the petition of Robert Bacon et. als. Trustees, for Certiorari in the matter of the assessment for betterments on account of the laying out of Jamaica Park and Arborway, was received and referred to the Law Department.

The Superintendent submitted a copy of the instructions, which he had given to Professor Walsh of the East Boston Gymnasium, regarding the proposed class on Saturday evenings,for advanced work in athletics, which had been authorized by the Board.

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The Superintendent reported that the appropriation for labelling trees in the park system had been well and judiciously expended by the Woman's Education Association, recommending a further appropriation of one hundred dollars for the extension of the work, the subsequent care of the tree labels to be undertaken by the department. The Superintendent's recommendation was adopted and the Secretary was directed to notify the Woman's Education Association accordingly.

The Superintendent reported in the matter of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company's poles on South street, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate further with the Company and suggest a conference.

The Superintendent reported that Holbrook, Cabot and Daly will furnish as much filling as may be desired by the Board, for Billings Field Playground, at the rate at which they offered to deliver 15,000 cubic yards, and the Superintendent was authorized to accept said proposal for an amount not exceeding $2000.00.

VOTED, that the Superintendent arrange a plan with the Electrical Construction Division which will allow of his keeping an account of the labor on all electrical construction work done for the department, in order that he may properly check the bills rendered for such work.

The Superintendent recommended that the men selected as teamsters be employed at the rate of fifty-five dollars per month, instead of by the day as at present rated, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to change the compensation of the men employed as teamsters, as recommended by him.

Messrs Thomas H. Canning and John Hurley came before the Board and stated that they were a committee appointed by the park employees connected with D. A. 30 Knights of Labor, to wait on the Commissioners and ask that the five men belonging to the labor organization, who had received notice of discharge, be reinstated. Mr. Canning said that the Mayor had promised them that the Labor Organization should not be discriminated against. He also said that it had been stated that two men had been discharged because they were affiliated with a Republican Club of Ward 22. The Commissioners said that they would look into the matter and assured the Committee that they had no intention of discriminating against men because of their connection with political or labor organizations.

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Mr. Sheldon came before the Board and stated that he had assigned all his interest in the Park Boat Service to the Boston Parks Boat Service Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Maine having a capital of eighty thousand dollars, forty thousand of which is paid in, he being the largest stockholder. The Chairman asked Mr. Sheldon to file with the Board a certificate of incorporation and a copy of the assignment before it takes action regarding an approval of the assignment.

VOTED, that the bill of J. J. Flynn for heating the Franklin Park refectory building during construction, amounting to $670.41 and approved by the Architects, be accepted, and that the Chairman be authorized to place the same on a draft for payment by the City.

The Landscape Architect's report, concerning a proposed building limit for Columbia Road, was taken from the table and referred to the Street Commissioners.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 14, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 85 Congress street, at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Superintendent Wells, Deputy Superintendent Cutter, and other representatives of the Street Department came before the Board to discuss plans for surface drainage of the territory west of the Fens and east of the Riverway. Mr. Cutter stated that the extra cost of carrying all the drainage in the first named section into the Muddy river conduit would be about twenty-five thousand dollars. In the other district it would entail a very large expense on the City, unless surface drainage can be carried directly to the river by the shortest route. Before making plans for this drainage they wished to know whether they would be allowed to do this. They also wanted to rebuild and enlarge the sewer which crosses the river at Francis street. The Commissioners expressed the desire that surface drainage be kept

out of park waters as far as possible, and requested the Superintendent of Streets to submit a formal request,with a definite plan of what is wanted, which the Board could act upon.

Mr. John L. Nichols came before the Board and stated that the contractors for building the pier at North End Beach had dropped pile butts in the dock adjoining Fiske's Wharf,which were dangerous to vessels. The Commissioners replied that they would notify the City Engineer to have the obstructions removed.

The Superintendent submitted a notice from the Committee on Public Improvements of the Board of Aldermen, to attend a meeting of the Committee at 4 P. M. The Board sent a reply to the Committee that the Superintendent was attending a meeting of the Board and could not be spared, but that the Superintendent would appear at a subsequent meeting of the Committee, if the Committee would communicate with the Board and state the reason the Superintendent's attendance was desired.

A communication from the Water Department,relating to the transfer of the driveway and grounds around Chestnut Hill Reservoir to this department, was received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council regarding the removal of snow from Charlesbank gymnasium, also City Council order appropriating fifty thousand dollars for park construction, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission requesting a permit for express team, foreman and laborers to enter Back Bay Fens and Riverway in order to do work when required on the sewer located in that section, was received and the Secretary was authorized to issue an annual permit for said purposes.

A report of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association of its work at Charlesbank during the past year, was received and placed on file.

Communications from Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells requesting that the annual report of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association be published in the report of the Park Department, also inquiring whether ladies from Wakefield can join the classes at Charlesbank, were received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from Walter H. Reynolds relating to former correspondence in connection with tree cutting, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Annie E. Bursley regarding teaming on

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Marlboro street, between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate East, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

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BOSTON, FEBRUARY 19, 1898.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr.Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 1 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright.

Mr. Wheelwright reported that the Mayor had refused to approve the lease of the Franklin Park refectory to Mr. Bow, because he had been informed that other parties desired to submit proposals for leasing the building, and under these circumstances he thought the lease ought to be open to public competition. It was thereupon

VOTED, that the vote of this Board of January 24, 1898, to lease the Franklin Park refectory to L. E. Bow, be rescinded, and that proposals for leasing the building be advertised for in accordance with the Mayor's request.

Copies of the proposed advertisement and of the proposals to be received thereunder, together with a form of lease and bond to accompany the same, were submitted by Mr.Wheelwright and approved.

Mr. Wheelwright reported that he had completed negotiations with the Boston Yacht Club, by which all agreements requiring the City to pay the expenses of removal to the new site are to be commuted by a money payment of forty-five hundred dollars, the Club to be allowed to remove the building to the new site, for such use as it can be made to serve in connection with the erection of a new building, the plans for which are to be subject to the approval of the Board. Mr.Wheelwright said he considered the proposed settlement a fair compromise between the position taken by the Yacht Club and the recent action of the Board terminating the original agreement. Mr.Wheelwright's action was approved and he was authorized to execute, on the part of the City, a new agreement to carry out the proposed arrangement, to be filed in the Superior Court.

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BOSTON, FEBRUARY 21, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report and revised grading plan for North End Beach with estimates of cost, which were laid on the table.

Communications from the Board of Police relating to police protection at the crossing of Commonwealth and Massachusetts avenues, and regarding teaming on Marlboro street between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate East; also from the Superintendent of Streets and Boston Elevated Railroad Company regarding the dumping of snow on Fellows Street Playground, were received, read and placed on file.

A request of John J.Flynn that the cost of the insurance on the refectory building, Franklin Park, be shared by the City in accordance with the terms of the contract, was received and referred to the architects for report.

A communication from William Rotch Ware requesting a set of park reports on the understanding that he may apply for electrotypes of such of the illustrations as may be desired to illustrate a series of articles in the American Architect, was received and the Secretary was directed to send such reports as may be of use.

A communication from A.N.Pillsbury protesting against surface drainage being turned into the Stony Brook outlet of the Fens, was received, read and placed on file.

A communication from Mayor Quincy requesting information as to the discharge of R. Victor Knupfer, a gardener recently in the employ of the department, was received and replied to by the Board.

A communication from Charles Liffler regarding renewal of insurance on the Pumping Station at Leverett Park, was received and it was

VOTED, not to renew the insurance.

A plan for proposed entrance of an unnamed street into the parkway at Brookline avenue, was received from Jeremiah C. Spillane and referred to the Superintendent.

Mr. Wheelwright submitted a draft of a lease to the Boston Yacht Club of a site on the Strandway, which had been prepared

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by him in connection with counsel for the Yacht Club, to carry out the terms of the agreement reported by him at the last meeting and approved by the Board. Plans of the proposed club house, which had been submitted to Professor Chandler and approved by him, were shown to the Board by Mr. Fernald who stated that they had yet to be accepted by the Club. The form of lease was approved and it was

VOTED, that the site on the Strandway shown on a plan, dated February 21, 1898, and entitled"Boston Yacht Club Location", be leased to said Club on the terms and conditions set forth in the indenture of lease this day approved, and that said lease be executed and submitted to the Mayor for his approval.

VOTED, that on the acceptance of the aforesaid site and the execution of said lease by the Boston Yacht Club, the sum of forty-five hundred dollars be paid to the said Club in full settlement of all damages to its building or other claims under the judgment on file in the Superior Court, and that an entry of judgment satisfied be filed in said case, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Strandway from Marine Park West.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 25, 1898.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 1 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright.

Mr. Wheelwright, as a committee on the matter of establishing a building line on St.James avenue, reported that the Corporation Counsel was of opinion that the order of the City Council of April 20, 1885, placing Trinity Triangle in charge of the Committee on Common and Public Grounds, was of no legal effect, as it had been acquired by this Board for a public park, and that he had so notified the Mayor. He also stated that, in the opinion of the Law Department, St.James avenue is a public way bordering upon a park,and that the Board, therefore,had authority

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to establish a building line upon it. It was thereupon

VOTED, that the following notice of the intention of the Board to establish a building line on St.James avenue, be published in the Boston Daily Advertiser and Boston Evening Transcript, in accordance with the law regarding such notices.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Board public necessity and convenience require that a building line be established on each side of St.James avenue, from Clarendon street to Dartmouth street, substantially as shown on a plan of said avenue in the office of this Board, it is therefore,

VOTED, that due notice be given that this Board intends to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 462 of the Acts of 1893, and Chapter 313 of the Acts of 1896, and that Tuesday, the fifteenth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M.,and the office of this Board, Pine Bank, Jamaica Plain, are assigned as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

VOTED, that the Superintendent remove the evergreen trees from Trinity Triangle.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 28, 1898

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting, also special meeting of February 25th were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported on the application of J.C.Spillane for leave to enter a street into the Riverway near Brookline avenue, that, in his opinion, such an opening is neither desirable nor is it necessary, and that the property can be laid out to greater advantage for the owner by not cutting an opening through to the Riverway. It was thereupon

VOTED, that the entrance of an unnamed street into the Riverway, as shown on a plan of streets and lots submitted by Jeremiah Spillane for the approval of the Board, be not permitted.

The Superintendent recommended the purchase of five teams

of horses with outfit of wagons and harnesses for service on maintenance account at Franklin Park, as follows:

10 horses	at	$150.00	$1,500.00	
5 double carts	"	137.50	687.50	
5 sets harness	"	90.00	450.00	
incidentals			100.00	$2,737.50

and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase the teams for maintenance work at Franklin Park, as recommended by him.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for additional taking at North Brighton Playground, also plans for grading North End Beach and Fellows Street Playground. The latter plan was adopted and the Superintendent was authorized to construct the playground in accordance with said plan whenever funds for such construction are available.

A communication was sent to William Doogue, Superintendent of Public Grounds, stating that the Board had directed its superintendent to take charge of Trinity Triangle.

A communication from R. Victor Knupfer regarding the cause of his discharge from the department and requesting a hearing before the Board, was received and a reply was sent to Mr.Knupfer.

A communication from Hyde and Sherry relating to uncompleted survey work at North Brighton Playground, was received and the Secretary was directed to instruct them to place the monuments and notify them that all further work will be done by the department.

A communication from the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club relating to the location and style of structure for its proposed new building, was received and referred to Mr. Wheelwright to confer with representatives of the Club regarding the matter.

A notice from S. J. Donovan of intention to claim extra compensation caused by delay in the completion of Q street sewer and the removal of yacht club buildings, was received and referred to Mr. Wheelwright and the Superintendent.

A communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company regarding the dumping of snow on Fellows Street Playground, was received, read and placed on file.

A request of Navin Brothers for leave to exhibit Lumiere's Cinematographe on Franklin Park was refused, and the Secretary

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was directed to notify them accordingly.

Executive circular No. 34 relating to rate of expenditures on account of maintenance, was received, read and placed on file.

The following proposals for leasing Franklin Park refectory were received and taken under advisement.

Leo E. Bow	5 and 7 1/2 %
Joseph Lee	10 " 15 %
James McShane	10 " 16 2/3 %

A form for applications for team work in the parks was approved, and the Secretary was directed to advertise for applications to be received on or before 2 P.M. of March 15th, numbers to be drawn at 3.30 P.M. March 22.

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BOSTON, MARCH 1, 1898.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 12.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright.

The applications for the Franklin Park refectory were considered, and the Secretary was directed to notify James P.McShane that any references in connection with his proposal for leasing the Franklin Park refectory which he proposes to offer should be forwarded at once, together with special information as to his experience as a caterer or hotel keeper.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets regarding a complaint of the Sewer Division that in the filling in of the Strandway sufficient care is not exercised in preventing injury to the sewer outlet at Q street, was received together with a report from the Superintendent in the matter, and a letter in reply was sent to the Superintendent of Streets.

The Secretary was directed to notify the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club that the Board has abandoned the intention of building a sea wall and providing a site for yacht clubs and boat houses at K street, and that the matter of yacht club sites has been referred to Mr. Wheelwright with whom the club should confer regarding a site at some other point.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MARCH 4, 1898.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 12.45 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright.

VOTED, that the vote of this Board of February 21, 1898, to pay the Boston Yacht Club the sum of forty-five hundred dollars in full settlement of all damages to its building or other claims under the judgment on file in the Superior Court, be rescinded.

VOTED, that on the filing of an entry of judgment satisfied in the petition of the Boston Yacht Club for damages for the taking of its land for a public park, on file in the Superior Court of Suffolk County, said Club shall have the occupancy of the site on the Strandway in accordance with the lease to said Club dated February 21, 1898, the buildings on said land shall become the property of said Club, and the sum of forty-five hundred dollars shall be paid to said Club in full settlement for all claims for damages on account of said taking, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Strandway from Marine Park West.

Mr. Wheelwright submitted an opinion from the Corporation Counsel that the Board has power to lease land for yacht club purposes.

VOTED, that the vote of this Board of February 25, 1898, giving notice of the intention of the Board to establish a building line on St.James avenue, be amended by inserting after the words "Chapter 313 of the Acts of 1896" the words "as amended by Chapter 379 of the Acts of 1897" so that said notice will read as follows: WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Board, public necessity and convenience require that a building line be established on each side of St.James avenue, from Clarendon street to Dartmouth street, substantially as shown on a plan of said avenue in the office of this Board, it is therefore

VOTED, that due notice be given that this Board intends to take the action so required under the provisions of chapter 462 of the Acts of 1893 and chapter 313 of the acts of 1896, as amended by Chapter 379 of the Acts of 1897, and that Tuesday the 15th day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., and the office of this Board, Pine Bank, Jamaica Plain, are assigned as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

VOTED, that the said notice as amended be published in the Boston Daily Advertiser and Boston Evening Transcript, in accordance with the law regarding such notices.

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BOSTON, MARCH 7, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported that the work of laying mains in the park system by the Metropolitan Water Board would delay the work of loaming and planting, unless the former work is taken up at once and finished within thirty days. The matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Metropolitan Water Board.

The Superintendent reported on sundry bills of the Suburban Light and Power Company for service of the transformer at Franklin Park refectory, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Company regarding a withdrawal of the claim.

The Superintendent recommended the purchase of trees and shrubs from W.S.Moon and Company to the amount of $636.00, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase the Nursery stock as recommended by him.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets accompanying plans showing drainage area for which he desired an outlet for surface water into Muddy river, was received and a report from the Engineer was submitted by the Superintendent. The matter was then referred to the Superintendent for further investigation.

A communication from John H. Storer relating to park line between Tremont Entrance and Brookline avenue, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Communications from Vincent Y. Bowditch and others regarding neglect in sprinkling Commonwealth avenue, were received and placed on file.

A request of Charles Fottler that the building used by him on Franklin Field be allowed to remain for next season, was received and permission refused.

A communication from Hartwell, Richardson and Driver relating to claim of J. J. Flynn for extra cost of insurance on Franklin Park refectory was received, and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Flynn that the Board will pay one half the cost of the insurance as required by the contract, but cannot allow the claim as presented.

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A communication from Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells relating to the re-engagement of the superintendent and assistants and the opening of the Women's gymnasium May 16th, also regarding Sunday opening, was read and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board concurs in all her suggestions.

Sundry requests for permission to gather specimens for botanical purposes in the parks, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

Orders of the Common Council requesting that a night watchman be employed at North End Park, also requesting that the Board report to the Council an estimate of the cost of providing a bicycle track at Marine Park, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from W. E. Sheldon accompanying a certificate of incorporation of the Boston Parks Boat Service Company, and requesting a further extension of his franchise, was received and laid over.

A request of R. R. Goff to operate a merry-go-round on Charlestown Playground, was received and permission refused.

A hearing was given to James P. McShane and Joseph Lee on their applications for a lease of the Franklin Park refectory. Mr. McShane stated that he was the proprietor of the Peninsula Hotel in South Boston. He also carried on a restaurant at Broadway and C street, which he had made a success as an oyster and chop house. He said that it would take five or six thousand dollars to fit up the Franklin Park refectory. A steam table and light lift are needed which the City should furnish. He said he could get the money needed from his father and mother who are associated with him in his present business. Henry McShane and Helen J. Keenan would go on his bonds. Mr.McShane presented a number of recommendations regarding his business standing and ability as a restaurateur.

Mr. Joseph Lee was accompanied by his counsel, Mr.B.B.Wilson and Mr. John H. Colby. Mr. Colby stated that several gentlemen desired to appear before the Board in the interest of Mr. Lee, but at the last moment were unable to come. Mr. Lee said that he ran the Woodland Park Hotel for sixteen years. He bought the house and spent $62,000 in repairs and additions which caused his failure. Had charge of Trinity Court restaurant for about a year and ran the Abbotsford restaurant a year. The custom at these houses would not support a first class restaurant.

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He ran the Norumbega last year and had a successful season; paid 10 % on gross receipts and 15 % on soda. Mr. Lee said that he had an assurance of about $3500 to put into the Franklin Park refectory. For plant he had what he used at Norumbega and would have to supply about $600 more furniture and would need about $1000 for supplies. Mr.Lee said that he was in financial trouble a little over a year ago, but had settled up with all his creditors except a few to whom he owed about $1200 on account of the Food Fair Restaurant. They had agreed, however, not to press him for payment and would give him a release of their claims if necessary. He would give a varicty of musical entertainments at Franklin Park instead of engaging a permanent orchestra. The demand was mostly for a light restaurant there. Mr.Colby stated that he knew of two gentlemen who would put in $1000 apiece in addition to the $3500 which Mr.Lee can furnish, if needed. The coffee urns and soda fountains should be furnished by the City as being in the nature of permanent fixtures.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy regarding the work proposed to be done on Fellows Street Playground and the manner of meeting the expense therefor, which was read and placed on file.

Executive circular No. 35, instructing heads of departments to allow a holiday to all city employees, on March 17th, was received and referred to the Superintendent to proceed in accordance with the usual custom of the department.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MARCH 15, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported that Mayor Quincy's suggestion, that the portion of Commonwealth avenue immediately adjacent to the grounds around Chestnut Hill Reservoir should be placed under the charge of this Board, would give the Park Department

control of the trees and grass strips for about 1600 feet in length of the avenue, and that, as the roadways are excepted, the additional care involved will not cost much in labor. The report was referred to the Chairman to communicate further with the Mayor in regard to the matter.

The Superintendent reported on the order of the Common Council requesting that night watchmen be employed at North End Beach, that he did not deem it necessary to station a night watchman there, the city police being sufficient protection to the property of the department. The Superintendent's report and the order were placed on file.

The Superintendent reported that the buildings erected on Franklin Field by Charles Fottler and Hendrie Brothers, under permission from the Board, were unsightly and a detriment to the grounds, and recommended that they be removed and a suitable shelter be erected by the department. It was thereupon

VOTED, that notice be given to Charles Fottler and Hendrie Brothers to remove the temporary buildings erected by them on Franklin Field.

The Superintendent recommended a change of plan of the entrance to Franklin Park from Walnut avenue, substituting triangular plantations for the circles now existing, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent's recommendation be adopted.

The Superintendent recommended that the grounds on the south front of the refectory be included in a timber tree plantation, and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent to prepare a plan for planting which will preserve the view from the pergola.

The Superintendent submitted a request from the East Boston Cricket Club for permission to erect a building on Wood Island Park for the use of the club, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to see if accommodations cannot be furnished in connection with the Field House.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting estimates on the cost of a bicycle track at Marine Park, and of providing a public landing outside of the Strandway, and the matters were referred to the Chairman to transmit the information through the Mayor to the City Council.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Mr.Sturgis regarding the condition of the roof of the men's building and the

laundry floor at North End Beach, and the matter was referred to Mr. Wheelwright to examine the contract to see if the contractors can be held responsible for the necessary repairs.

The application of the Brookline Gas Light Company for permission to lay an electric conduit on Audubon road to provide for lighting the same under its contract with the city, with request that locations be assigned for the lights, was received and laid over pending a further report from the Superintendent on the matter.

A request of Josiah H. Quincy, representing the West Roxbury Citizen's Association, that a roadway be constructed from Bussey Park through land taken for West Roxbury Parkway, was received and a reply made that it is the intention of the Board to construct the necessary part of such a roadway if the Loan Bill,now before the Legislature, is passed.

A communication from Olmsted Brothers regarding the rearrangement of the curbing and revision of the planting about the John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial, was received, read and placed on file.

A communication from Charles H. Bradley, Superintendent of the Boston Asylum and Farm School, requesting the privilege of having a locker on the proposed public wharf at City Point for temporary storage of express matter, was received and referred to the Superintendent to confer with Mr. Sheldon regarding Mr. Bradley's proposition to take care of the wharf and landing in the winter.

A communication from Arthur E. Dennison complaining of the practice of bicycle teaching on Commonwealth avenue, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Requests of F. M. Curtis, Kleh & Hopkins, and John Chisman for permits and locations for teaching bicycle riding in the park, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of S. H. Whitwell that the watering carts on Commonwealth avenue commence work earlier in the day, was received and the Secretary was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the same and to say that his request has been brought to the Superintendent's attention.

A request of Horace B. Dean that a private club of boys be allowed to exercise on the cinder walk in the centre of Commonwealth avenue, was received and permission refused.

A hearing was given on the notice of intention to establish a building line on each side of St.James avenue from Clarendon

street to Dartmouth street. Mr. Henry Bigelow Williams and others interested in the Westminster Chambers Trust, with their counsel, Mr. A. E. Pillsbury, appeared in opposition to the proposed action. Mr. Pillsbury stated that, in his opinion, chapter 313 of the acts of 1896 does not apply and the Board has no power to establish a building line on the property of his clients. He said that the Corporation Counsel held that the seventy foot limit operated by its own force and without reference to any building line being established, and applied to all public ways bordering upon public parks throughout the whole extent of such ways. The construction that Mr. Pillsbury said he put upon it is this, that the seventy foot restriction has no operative force until the building line has been established and then its application is coextensive with the park space. Regarding the damage clause he held that the restriction of the height of buildings was essentially a part of the establishment of the building line and that the whole draws after it the damages. No one can tell exactly what the law means, but if it permits the Board to establish a building line on the property of the Westminster Chambers it would involve very large damages not only for the restriction of height, but also because it involves the construction of the whole building, and possibly an entirely new building might be required. Mr. Pillsbury said that the conveyancers for the Westminster Chambers Trust were satisfied that bay windows could be projected within the reserved space of ten feet, and the proposed building line would cut these off. Mr. Pillsbury said further that the City had agreed to their damage clause in the proposed bill now before the Legislature, that is the city agrees to submit to damages actually suffered, and as the seventy foot limit would cut off four stories and reduce the estimated income some $40,000 it could readily be seen that the damages would aggregate a very large sum.

Mr. Williams stated that $10,000 per annum per story was the estimated rental. The trustees had been offered for a lease of the whole building $6,000 per story. The estimated value of the whole building was $1,000,000, the land being valued at $360,000, and contracts for the building made last August amount to $635,000. If action is taken requiring the abandonment of these contracts the trustees would have to pay damages similar to those suffered for breach of contract, and as all the stone, terra cotta and iron work has been gotten out they would

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be practically worthless if the present building has to be abandoned.

Messrs Spillane and Muldoon, owners of the estate between Francis street and the parkway, came before the Board with reference to their request for leave to enter an unnamed road into the Riverway near Brookline avenue as located by the Board of Survey. Mr. Spillane said that the refusal of the Board to allow the street to enter would work great injustice to them as they had gone ahead in good faith to develop the property, believing that they had a right to construct streets in accordance with the plan of the Board of Survey. They had made several sales which would be affected by a change of plan although the deeds had not been put on record. Another objection to changing the plan was that the adjoining estate wished to have the street shifted fifty feet farther east which would not be for their interest. He, therefore, asked the Board to reverse its decision not to allow the street to enter. The Commissioners took the matter under advisement.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON MARCH 21, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a proposition of the Protective Coin Lock Company to furnish their patent bicycle locks at such points in the parks as may be needed and give the department one third of the proceeds, and recommended that the Company be allowed to furnish them under the direction of the Board. It was thereupon

VOTED, that the Protective Coin Lock Company be authorized to place their patent bicycle locks in the public parks, for the season of 1898, in accordance with their proposal and under the direction of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent reported that it is undesirable to grant

the petition of the East Boston Cricket Club for permission to erect a building for their use on wood Island Park, as all necessary accommodation can be furnished in the Field House. The Board accepted the report and notified the Club accordingly.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to secure proposals for constructing the boundary wall at Morton street, Forest Hills, the stone to be furnished by the department.

Executive circulars Nos.36 and 37,relating to annual estimates and expenditures, also leave of absence to employees voting in the Charlestown district at the special election March 29th, were received and the Superintendent's attention called to them.

An order of the Common Council relating to holiday, March 17th, was received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting that the land purchased at the corner of Dorchester avenue and Park street be named "Gibson Park", in honor of Christopher Gibson who bequeathed this land for the good of the Dorchester schools, was received and it was

VOTED, that the land known as the "Town Field" taken under the playground act, be named "Christopher Gibson Playground".

An order of the Board of Aldermen authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to expend $25,000 in removing the deposit of silt in the Back Bay Fens, was received and placed on file.

Communications from the Superintendent of Streets stating that arrangements have been made with Perkins and White to remove the deposit in the Back Bay Fens and requesting a permit allowing the contractor to haul lumber and apparatus through the park, were received and placed on file, the permit having been issued as requested.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relating to the Q street sewer was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relating to the drainage of the territory in the neighborhood of Francis street, Back Bay Fens and Muddy River was received. Mr.Wheelwright stated that the Mayor had suggested a conference,between the Superintendent of Streets, the City Engineer and the Chairman of this Board,on the subject of surface and other drainage into the waters of the Fens, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Superintendent of Streets in regard to a conference.

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A communication from Charlotte B. Hallowell requesting the privilege for children attending the private school at 319 Marlboro street to play on the park between Fairfield street and Gloucester street, was received and referred to the Superintendent to allow them the privilege as soon as the ground is settled.

A communication from Alfred Bowditch regarding the request of the Boston Asylum and Farm School for the privilege of locker and landing accommodations at the new wharf about to be constructed at Q street, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication was received from J. C. Spillane regarding his request that the Board permit the entrance of a street into the Riverway in accordance with the plan of the Board of Survey, and a reply was made stating that if he would submit a plan showing the changes required to be made the Board will vote to permit the road to enter the parkway.

VOTED, that the plan for entrance gates and fence to be erected on the grounds leased to the Boston Yacht Club, submitted by the Club, be approved.

The Secretary was directed to request the architect to notify the contractors of the defects in the laundry floor of the Administration Building and the upper deck of the pier, at North End Beach, as reported by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

A communication from Forbes Lithograph Company relating to order for iron signs, was received and the Secretary was directed to inquire whether the signs had been made in accordance with the latest changes.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MARCH 28, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent recommended the erection of a fence

around Fellows Street Playground, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Mayor regarding the need of a further appropriation for this playground.

The Superintendent recommended the purchase of a steam roller for use in constructing and keeping walks and playgrounds in order, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent secure proposals for furnishing a steam roller of five or six tons in weight.

On recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED, that the pay of John H.Breen, janitor at Charlesbank, be increased to $3.50 per day.

The Superintendent reported on the matter of granting botanical permits, that the privilege is liable to abuse on account of the insufficient police protection in the parks. The matter was referred back to the Superintendent to report a new form of permit which, in his opinion, will render the privilege less likely to be abused.

The annual report of the City Engineer was received.

A communication from R. Clipston Sturgis stating that he had notified Gerry and Northrup regarding asphalt floors at North End Beach; also notice from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing on the application of the Boston Yacht Club for license to build two piers in Dorchester Bay, and acknowledgments from Alfred Bowditch of the letter of the Board relating to the petition of the Boston Asylum and Farm School for locker privileges at Marine Park, and from Charlotte B. Hallowell of permission for children to play on Commonwealth avenue, were received and placed on file.

The Secretary was directed to notify the Commonwealth Yacht Club that the Board will rescind its vote assigning a location to said club unless a reply to its former letters to the Commodore is received.

VOTED, that the plan for landing piers to be erected by the Boston Yacht Club at its site on the Strandway, submitted by the club this day, be approved.

The Chairman stated that, in accordance with the intention of the Board, he had notified Mr.Joseph Lee that in order that his application should be favorably considered, he must furnish two persons who were financially responsible and who would guarantee the performance of the lease in writing. The Chairman stated that Mr. Lee had since reported that he was unable to

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comply with the requirement of the Board, and, as the Board regards that as essential to giving him the lease, it would be in order to consider Mr. Mc Shane's application. Mr. Pratt moved that the lease be given to Mr. McShane on condition that he give a bond of three thousand dollars conditioned on the performance of all the agreements and conditions set forth in the lease, and it was

VOTED, that the Franklin Park refectory be leased to James P.McShane, in accordance with his proposal and under the terms of the lease annexed thereto, on condition of his giving a bond of three thousand dollars conditioned on the performance of all the obligations of said lease on his part to be kept and performed.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, APRIL 4, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted the following bids for construction of the wall on the boundary line of the Arborway and Morton street at Forest Hills:

Thomas Minton,	Boston.	$1600.00
J. F. Johnson & P.H.Lee,	"	1728.50
Cullen Brothers,	"	1450.00
Frank X Saucier,	"	1252.00

and it was

VOTED, that the contract be awarded to Frank X Saucier, under a bond for $500 conditioned upon the faithful performance of the work.

The Superintendent submitted the following bids for furnishing a six ton steam roller:

Barber Asphalt Co.	Buffalo,	$2400.00
Pioneer Iron Works,	Brocklyn,	1567.50
C. S. Kelly Co.	Springfield, Ohio,	1850.00

and it was

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VOTED, that the proposal of the Pioneer Iron Works be accepted.

The Superintendent recommended that tile be laid in the undrained portions of Wood Island Park gymnasium and ball grounds, at an estimated expense of $1350.00, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to expend the sum of eight hundred dollars in laying tile drains in the gymnasium and ball grounds at Wood Island Park.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for draining Neponset Playground, at an estimated expense of $4153.50, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to construct an open ditch and lay tile drains in Neponset Playground, at an expense not exceeding the appropriation available therefor.

The Superintendent was authorized to entertain the Park Superintendents of New England by a drive in the park system, on the occasion of their meeting in Boston for the purposes of organization.

The Superintendent was authorized to make a new arrangement with Willie Campbell for the care of the golf links at Franklin Park, in return for the concession given him.

Communications from the City Engineer, accompanying a plan for a bridge over the Fens waterway on Ipswich street, and regrading Charlesgate East at the junction of Ipswich street, were received and the Chairman was authorized to approve the plans.

A communication from Forbes Lithograph Manufacturing Company relating to iron signs was received, and the Secretary was directed to order the signs delivered at the Franklin Park yard.

A communication from W. E. Sheldon relating to ferry service at Q street landing and other matters relating to the boat service, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent prepare specifications and advertise for bids for the public landing at Q street.

A communication from Guild & Eastman relating to the renewal of insurance on the administration building, Audubon road, and a reply of the Commonwealth Yacht Club to a communication of the Board regarding its plans for occupying a site on the Strandway, were received and placed on file.

A proposition of S. J. Donovan to remove the old "breakwater" at the foot of L street, South Boston, without expense to the department, was received and accepted on condition of its re-

moval for at least two feet below the surface of the beach and the refilling the trench with gravel to the satisfaction of the Superintendent.

A request of Hugh Farrell for extension of time for completing his contract for filling at the Strandway, was received and referred to the Superintendent to secure a proposal from Mr. Farrell for the additional filling and grading required at the site proposed for the occupancy of the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club.

An application from E. I. Hudgens for burro service at Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Executive circulars,regarding abstract of Annual Reports for The City Record and daily press, and regarding requests for loan appropriations, were received and placed on file.

Common Council orders requesting that a fence be placed on the water front of Ward 3 Playground with an estimate of cost, also regarding the grading of the portion of Charlestown Heights on St.Martin street, and the arrangement of grounds for ball playing etc.,at the Christopher Gibson Playground, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets,stating that his department can furnish the Park Department with crushed stone "seconds",was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Messrs William H. Sheldon and Washington G.Benedict came before the Board with reference to Mr.Sheldon's request for the transfer of the Park Boat Service to the new company, and other matters relating to the improvement and extension of the service. Mr. Sheldon explained his purposes and the reasons for his request that his franchise be extended for two years. Subsequently it was

VOTED, that William H. Sheldon's assignment to the Boston Parks Boat Service Company be approved.

VOTED, that in consideration of the placing of several new boats in the Park Boat Service at large expense, the concession to the Boston Parks Boat Service Company be extended from and after December 31,1900 for a period of three years, provided that the service shall be carried on by the said Company to the satisfaction of the Board, and provided that the said Company shall pay to the City of Boston, in advance, for each year of the said extension, the sum of one thousand dollars ($1000),also

VOTED, that at the expiration of said extended term, the said

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Company may have the option of a further extension of said concession for the period of three years in addition, provided that the service shall be carried on by the said Company to the satisfaction of the Board, and provided it agrees to pay for each year of said further extension a sum to be determined by the Board at the beginning of said last extended term.

VOTED, that the Board consents to the withdrawal of the boat service from Leverett Park.

A communication was received from the Street Commissioners accompanying plans of Glenside avenue and Tasker street, which the G.Winthrop Coffin estate wished to open from Glen road, and requesting this Board to furnish them with any suggestions it has to make with regard to the location of these streets. Mr. G. Howard Coffin came before the Board and explained the purpose of the plans. The Commissioners suggested the moving of Tasker street to the border of Franklin Park as a better way of developing the property,and Mr.Coffin took the suggestion under advisement.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, APRIL 11, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted an estimate of the cost of erecting a fence along the sea wall at Mystic Playground, and a letter was sent to the Mayor stating that there was no money available for the erection of the fence, as requested by the Common Council.

A communication was sent to the Mayor requesting an appropriation,by loan,of thirty-three thousand six hundred eighty-seven dollars for making existing playgrounds available.

A communication was received from Commodore Stetson of the Boston Yacht Club, complaining of the delay of Contractor Donovan in dredging in front of the premises leased to the Club,and

the matter was referred to the Superintendent to urge the contractor to complete the work as soon as possible.

A request from the United States Engineer office that the hospital building at Castle Island be vacated and the keys turned over to the Ordnance Sergeant was received and placed on file, the Superintendent having complied with the request.

A communication from the Trustees of the City Hospital concerning the taking of land from the Convalescent Home grounds for an addition to Dorchester Park, was received and a communication was sent to the Mayor regarding the matter.

A request of the Superintendent of Streets for the removal of the building at the corner of Alford and Main streets, Charlestown, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the City Engineer enclosing a copy of a report from Mr. W. W. Howe on the complaint that material was thrown into the dock at Fiske's wharf, North End, was received and referred to the Superintendent to confer with Mr. John L. Nichols and report what further steps may be necessary to take.

A request of the Boston Cricket Club for the use of a portion of Franklin Field, in accordance with arrangements made in former years, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Rockport Granite Company regarding the coping for the Strandway wall, which is waiting to be delivered, was received and a reply was made stating that arrangements will be made to take the stone at as early a date as possible.

The plan for additional taking for North Brighton Playground was taken from the table and referred to the Chairman to confer with the authorities of Harvard College regarding the proposed line between the playground and Soldiers' Field.

The revised grading plan for North End Beach was taken from the table and adopted.

Mr. Wheelwright reported that he had conferred with Mr. Coffin regarding the plans of Glenside avenue and Tasker street, and that Mr. Coffin was not disposed to follow the suggestions of the Board regarding the moving of the latter street to the line of Franklin Park, but that Mr. Coffin would sell the land between Tasker street and Franklin Park to the City, if the Board desired to purchase it. The matter was referred back to Mr. Wheelwright to see Mr. Coffin again, and if the suggestion of the Board cannot be carried out to so notify the Street Commissioners.

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Mr. Wheelwright submitted a draft of a bill of complaint entered in the Equity Session of the Superme Court by agreement with the Mayor. The bill seeks to restrain the trustees of the Westminster Chambers Trust and the Westminster Construction Company from erecting its proposed building, at the corner of St.James avenue and Trinity place, to a greater height than seventy feet. Mr.Wheelwright stated that counsel for both sides were endeavoring to reach a compromise on the basis of allowing the building to be erected to a height of ninety feet, the City to pay for one story and actual damages suffered on account of material ordered. Mr.Wheelwright stated that the Mayor had agreed to this and that the Park Department would not be liable for the damages.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, APRIL 18, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

On recommendation of the Superintendent he was authorized to erect backstops, provide water and put the Christopher Gibson Playground into condition for use, as requested in the order of the Common Council. It was also

VOTED, to request the Superintendent of Streets to deposit filling on the playground as opportunity offers.

The Superintendent recommended that the trees intended for Columbia road be purchased and grown for a year or two in the park nurseries, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to bring it to the attention of the Superintendent of Streets.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to make a requisition on the Civil Service Commission for fifteen men.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to expend not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars for trees and shrubs.

VOTED, that the Superintendent erect an iron fence along the top of the quarry at Franklin Park, at an estimated cost of seven hundred and forty-nine dollars.

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VOTED, that the Superintendent be directed to build walls and plant the borders of Franklin Park to the Morton and Canterbury streets lines, and to lay foundations for walls wherever the economical disposition of loose stone will permit.

The Superintendent reported on the request of C. U. Cotting that the Board maintain a strip of shrubbery on land belonging to the City of Boston between Longwood avenue and Dernier street, that the planting of such a strip would be beneficial, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to plant the strip, as recommended by him.

A request of W. F. Wild for permission to pasture a colt on Christopher Gibson Playground was refused.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting this Department to assume the care of the grass along the walk on Beaver street, was received and it was

VOTED, to notify the Superintendent of Streets that the Board will continue to care for the planted strips, including the trees, on Beaver street.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from the Superintendent of Streets agreeing to pay the cost of planting the trees on Commonwealth avenue adjacent to the Reservoir grounds, and the Superintendent was authorized to do the work and arrange with the Street Department for payment.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, relating to the practice of dumping the contents of the waste barrels from Commonwealth avenue on to the side streets, was received and the Superintendent was instructed to see that there is no dumping of barrels on any streets under the charge of the Street Department.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relating to the drainage of the area adjoining Brookline and Muddy river, was received and referred to the Corporation Counsel for opinion.

An order of the City Council authorizing the Bath Department, with the consent of the Park Department, to take the care and control of such bath houses and gymnasiums as may be agreed upon between said departments, was received and placed on file.

A copy of amendment to section ten of chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1892, relating to the employment of citizens, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Water Commissioner, offering to sell the stone crusher on land adjacent to Chestnut Hill Reservoir or

exchange it for the use of the house on said grounds, was received and the offer declined.

A communication from E. W. H. Thompson calling attention to land at the corner of Ward and Vancouver streets, Roxbury, for a playground, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board will give the matter consideration at the proper time.

A request of the Massachusetts Division of the League of American Wheelmen to hold games on Franklin Field, May 30th, was received and referred to the Superintendent to permit said games under proper regulations.

A request of Frank Lamacchia for a renewal of his permit to play the harp on Commonwealth avenue, was received and it was

VOTED, to extend the permit for one year.

VOTED, that the playing of base ball games in the Glade at Franklin Park, excepting by children under twelve years of age, be prohibited, in view of the improvement of said grounds for picnic purposes, and that all such games in the future be played at Franklin Field.

Mr. Wheelwright submitted drafts of proposed leases to the South Boston and Mosquito Fleet Yacht Clubs of sites on the Strandway, which had been prepared by him in consultation with the Club officers and counsel. The leases were approved and it was

VOTED, that the site on the Strandway shown on a plan dated April 8, 1898, and entitled South Boston Yacht Club Location, be leased to said Club on the terms and conditions set forth in the indenture of lease approved this day, and that, upon the acceptance of the aforesaid site by said South Boston Yacht Club, said lease be executed and submitted to the Mayor for approval.

VOTED, that the site on the Strandway shown on a plan dated April 15, 1898, and entitled Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club Location, be leased to said Club on the terms and conditions set forth in the indenture of lease approved this day, and that upon the acceptance of the aforesaid site by said Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club, said lease be executed and submitted to the Mayor for approval.

VOTED, that the following rules for the use and government of the golf links in Franklin Park, be adopted:

GENERAL RULES.

Persons using the links must have had experience as players and hold permits from the Park Commissioners, which may be ob-

tained at the Park Department office, Pine Bank, Jamaica Park. Application blanks may be obtained from the greenkeeper or at the above office.

A person not familiar with the game, before applying for a regular permit, must obtain a learner's permit which will entitle him to receive instruction from the greenkeeper, who is authorized to give lessons for usual fees. Persons holding learners' permits must not obstruct regular players in the use of the grounds, and the greenkeeper is authorized to exclude from the grounds any holder of a permit who is not sufficiently familiar with the game to play without incommoding or endangering other players.

The greenkeeper may allow strangers to play if experienced in the game and accompanied by a person holding a regular permit.

The greenkeeper is authorized to charge a fee of twenty-five cents for two rounds of the links.

The greenkeeper will be responsible for the conduct of all caddies, and will keep a record of their names and the numbers of their badges.

No caddie will be allowed to solicit employment without his badge, and he must not solicit employment beyond the first tee.

All complaints must be made to the greenkeeper, and if well founded he shall suspend the offending caddie from employment for a certain number of days, commensurate with the gravity of the offence, taking away his badge for the period he is suspended.

The pay of a caddie shall be fifteen cents for one round of the links, or nine holes, and twenty-five cents for two rounds of the links, or eighteen holes.

GROUND RULES.

Players must not loiter about the first tee, but play off in turn of their arrival as rapidly as possible, to make way for those following.

No player should play from the tee until the parties in front have played their second stroke or are out of range.

No player should play to the putting green until the parties in front have holed out and moved away, and players who have holed out should not try their putt over again or stay on the green, but move away at once.

Players looking for a lost ball must allow any other match coming up to pass them.

A party playing three or more balls must allow a two-ball match to pass them.

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Turf cut and displaced by a stroke must be at once replaced by the player making the stroke.

The greenkeeper shall have full charge of the course and the conduct of the games, and complaints of violations of the rules governing the course or games by any player may be made to him.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, APRIL 25, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Mayor Quincy, transmitting an order of the City Council relating to the transfer of the East Boston Gymnasium, on Paris street, to the Bath Department, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent make arrangements for the transfer of the property and employees to the Bath Department, to date from and after April 23rd, in accordance with the Mayor's request.

A reply of the Corporation Counsel to the request for his opinion on the matter of surface drainage into Muddy river, was received and referred to the Chairman to communicate the facts of the matter to the Mayor and ask for a conference.

A communication from the Electrical Construction Division, stating that the work of installing electric lights at the men's bathhouse and pier, North End Beach, can be completed in about six weeks, was received and it was

VOTED, to order the work to be undertaken at once and pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting that North End Park be put in condition for public use as soon as possible, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Orders of the Board of Aldermen requesting the location and maintenance of electric lights at North End Beach and Terraces, also that the band stand be removed and seats placed on the northerly pier, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

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An order of the Common Council requesting that base ball playing be allowed on Mystic Playground was received. The Superintendent reported that he had notified the police to stop ball playing on account of the complaints of the abutters that their property was being damaged. It was thereupon

VOTED, that the playing of base ball games at Mystic Playground, excepting by children under twelve years of age, be prohibited.

Executive circular No. 40, relating to the printing of annual reports, was received and placed on file.

A communication from L. E. Bow requesting the Board to make suitable provisions for the care of bicycles, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a request of Edward M. Brewer that the sidewalks between Pond and Centre streets be built up to finished grade and surfaced, and the Superintendent was directed to consider the question of the sidewalks along the parkway and report to the Board.

A communication from Fred W. Beering relating to the mortgage on land at the junction of Fairview and Mendum streets, taken for park purposes, also a communication from Robert S. Minot, regarding settlement for damages of Sarah E. Pratt for land taken for Neponset Playground, were received and referred to the Law Department.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED, that the pay of the following named employees of the department be increased to the amounts set against their names:

Patrick Mc Kenzie.	Powderman	from	$2.50	to	$2.75	per	day
Michael Mc Nulty.	Watchman	"	2.50	"	2.75	"	"
James F. Hannon,	Gardener,	"	2.00	"	2.25	"	"
Edward Mc Nulty,	"	"	2.00	"	2.25	"	"
Martin Feeley,	Helper,	"	2.00	"	2.25	"	"

VOTED, that Messrs Spillane and Muldoon be authorized to enter an unnamed road into the Riverway, as shown on a plan of the Board of Survey on file in the City Engineer's office, provided that they construct said road, at its junction with the Riverway, with gutters, curbstones and catch basins in accordance with a plan of the same dated April 23, 1898, on file at the office of this Board, and on the further condition that the said work including the surfacing of the road at its junction with the Riverway be done in accordance with the directions and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Parks.

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A communication was received from Councilman John P.Sullivan requesting that a hand ball court be erected on Ward 4 Playground, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Washington G. Benedict, president of the Boston Parks Boat Service Company submitted plans for an open shelter at Jamaica Pond. to be built by the department for boating and skating purposes. Mr.Benedict said the building was estimated to cost twenty-five hundred dollars and could be closed in in winter. Mr. Benedict also asked that his company be given the privilege, in connection with the extension of the contract for the boat service, of furnishing refreshments at all places where ticket offices are to be established and at places where skating facilities are provided, as an additional compensation for which the company will do the heating and take full care of any shelters or waiting rooms erected by the Board for such purposes. The Commissioners took the matters under consideration.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MAY 2, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board reorganized with the choice of Charles E. Stratton as Chairman, Laban Pratt as Chairman pro.tem., and George F. Clarke as Secretary for the ensuing year.

VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

VOTED, that the Chairman pro.tem.be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the Chairman.

VOTED, that in the absence of the Chairman and Chairman pro-tem. John T. Wheelwright be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED, that the loam space at the Fenway, opposite residences between Boylston street and Westland avenue, be increased to ten feet in width.

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VOTED, that the property sidewalks between Centre street and Pond street, on the Arborway, be surfaced with cinders, at an estimated cost of six hundred and ten dollars.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to employ twenty-five additional men.

Consideration of the Superintendent's recommendation, that the machinery and building at Ward's pond be advertised for sale, was postponed to the next meeting.

The Superintendent reported on the application of Mr. Bow for a bicycle concourse at the Head House. that, if the lease can be modified, he would recommend the adoption of the Protective Coin Lock Associations's device for checking bicycles at the Head House. The Board not approving of a modification of the lease, the matter was referred back to the Superintendent for further consideration.

A conference was held with the president and general manager of the Boston Parks Boat Service Company relative to the proposed extension of their franchise and regarding their request for refreshment privileges, presented at the last meeting. The Commissioners stated that they would favor restricting the refreshment privilege to boat landings or stations where ticket offices are established, and that,before formally signing the proposed extension, a valid obligation should be given them that the City would not be called upon for any contribution towards the settlement of the suits pending against the Park Boat Service because of the Castle Island disaster.

A communication from Greenleaf and Cobb relating to proposed pavilion at Jamaica Pond, which the Park Boat Service Company desired to have constructed, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Trustees of the City Hospital requesting a plan of the land proposed to be transferred to the Park Department, also request of Robert Treat Paine that North End Playground be put in condition for use, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request of the Boston School Committee for the use of the Franklin Park playstead for the annual parade of the school cadets on May 13th, was received and it was

VOTED, that as Franklin Field has been provided for parades, and because of the liability of injury to the planted ground near the Overlook on the Playstead, the School Committee be notified that the Board would permit the use of the Playstead

only in case Franklin Field is, in the opinion of the Superintendent, too wet for use.

Communications from the Superintendent of Streets again alluding to the dumping of material from push carts on the streets crossing Commonwealth avenue, and accepting the suggestion of the Board relating to trees for Columbia road, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets stating that filling for Christopher Gibson Playground might be furnished on certain conditions, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

An order of the Common Council authorizing a release of restrictions upon land belonging to the heirs of F. V. Balch, on Prince street, was received and referred to Mr. Wheelwright to draw up such an instrument as is required.

The Superintendent submitted a report from the Assistant Engineer regarding the condition of the water in the Riverway and Leverett pond, which was referred to the Chairman to bring it to the attention of the Brookline authorities.

VOTED, that this Board, after a conference with the Mayor, and in pursuance of authority granted by an order passed by the City Council, believing that the administration and supervision of the baths and piers at the North End Beach fall more properly within the scope of the newly-established Bath Department than within that of the Park Department, hereby authorizes the Bath Department to take the care and control of the above-named baths and piers from the first day of May to the first day of November, in the current year, upon the following terms, namely:

1. The bath and piers shall be open to this Board at all times.

2. The Bath Department shall keep said premises clean and well-lighted, heated, watched and guarded during said term, and shall employ such attendants as may be necessary for the purpose.

3. It is further understood that any disbursements made by this Board on account of the care and maintenance of the premises, or payment of attendants and employees engaged by the Bath Department during the term, shall be refunded by the Bath Department on the first day of December, 1898.

4. This Board reserves the right to revoke the authority

hereby given at any time in its discretion, and with the approval of the Mayor.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MAY 9, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted an agreement from Willie Campbell to keep the golfing court, including the putting greens, teeing grounds and the meadow enclosed by the course in good order and in a neat condition, in consideration of the revenue derived from the sale of golf tickets and for the privilege of teaching the game at current rates for such service, for the season of 1898, and it was

VOTED, that the agreement be approved.

A communication was received from the City Solicitor recommending a settlement of the cases of Margaret J.McLaney and David Flynn for $3800 and $8000 respectively, without interest, and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Margaret J. McLaney for land taken for North End Playground, for the sum of thirty-eight hundred dollars without interest, upon her giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department.

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of David Flynn for land taken for North End Playground, for the sum of eight thousand dollars without interest, upon his giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department.

A communication from the Mayor requesting plans, specifica-

tions and estimate for constructing a running track around the outside of Fellows Street Playground, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Mayor relating to department expenditures and deficiencies was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Metropolitan Water Board regarding arrangements for replenishing Jamaica Pond, was received and placed on file.

Executive circular, number 41, directing heads of departments to allow half-holidays on Saturdays, between May 1st and November 1st, to all city employees whose services can be dispensed with, was received and the Superintendent was authorized to grant the holiday in accordance with the Mayor's circular.

Requests of Philip J. Steinmetz Jr. for permission to play ball at Franklin Park, Memorial Day, and of Timothy Cunohan to erect flying horses on Franklin Park, near Blue Hill avenue entrance, were refused.

The Board gave a hearing to Messrs Hugh Farrell and Lyman Boynton on Mr.Farrell's complaint that he had not received fair treatment from the engineers with regard to the measurement of the work done under his contract for filling on the Strandway. Mr. Farrell said that he had not been paid a dollar for work done in the last three months, and that the engineers now say that he has been overpaid and that there is no money due him. Mr. Farrell said that he needed $3500 to pay his labor for April. He further said that he had been paid for 145,000 cubic yards as against 165,000 cubic yards scow measurement, and that there ought to be about $10,000 now due him. Mr. Putnam, engineer in charge of the work since January 1st, stated that the trouble arose from a mistake of Mr. Howe's party in overestimating the work done and making payments accordingly, and that there was only about $600 payable to Mr. Farrell on May 1st. Mr. Howe, he said, was unable to account for the mistake and was now engaged in checking over his estimates to ascertain what the error was and how it occurred. The Chairman stated that the Board would do anything it could legally do when the engineers were agreed as to the amount of work done.

Messrs W. H. Sheldon and W. G. Benedict came before the Board in relation to the affairs of the Boston Parks Boat Service Company. Mr. Sheldon submitted a letter agreeing not to call

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upon the City for any remuneration on account of suits or claims for damages arising from the Castle Island disaster of June 29, 1896, and the matter was referred to Mr.Wheelwright to draw up a formal agreement to be signed by Mr.Sheldon individually and as president of the Corporation, which at that time carried on the boat service and of which he was the largest stockholder.

Mr. Sheldon also asked that piles be driven and arrangements be made for mooring their floats at the end of the pier at North End Beach, and the matter was taken under consideration.

A conference was held with A. W. Longfellow Jr. in regard to the plans for gates for the Arnold Arboretum. The Board suggested that Mr. Longfellow submit the plans to Professor Sargent for his approval.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MAY 16, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids were received for building a wooden wharf on the Strandway at Q street and for furnishing loam on the borders of the ponds at Marine Park.

WOODEN WHARF:

J. W. Hayes & Co.	$7,500
Benjamin Young,	6,900
W. L. Miller,	6,278
W. H. Ryan & Company,	6,000
William J. Lawler,	5,912
J. Philips Cavanagh,	5,900
A. Belleveu & Co.	5,270
Clement Walker & Co.	5,224

LOAM:

M. V. Titus.	18,000 cu.yds.	$1.59
Kelly & Ryan,	2,000 " "	1.50
H. W. Wilson,	18,000 " "	1.39

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Columbia Contracting Co.	18,000	cu.yds.	$1.10
Albert H. Eichorn,	18,000	" "	1.00
J. J. Mc Carthy,	2,000	" " or more,	1.00
O'Brien & Elkins,	1,500	" "	1.05

VOTED, that Clement Walker & Company's bid be accepted and the amount of bond be fixed at $1500.

The bids for furnishing loam were taken under advisement. Subsequently it was

VOTED, that Albert H. Eichorn's bid be accepted, provided he gives satisfactory assurances, to the Superintendent, of his financial responsibility and his ability to do the work in accordance with the proposal.

The Superintendent reported that, on complaint by abutters of annoyance by large boys on Mystic Playground, he had written to the Board of Police and had received a reply that the Superintendent would be given instructions to give special attention to the complaint.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED, that the pay of William Dunbar, laborer in charge of the work at Charlestown Playground, Charlestown Heights and Mystic Playground, be increased from $2.00 to $2.25 per day.

The Superintendent stated that the Engineer estimated that the construction of the site for the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club, on the Strandway, will require the shifting of about 14,000 cubic yards of filling, and that Mr. Farrell will do the work, under his contract, at fifty cents per cubic yard. It was thereupon

VOTED, that the offer be accepted and that the Superintendent prepare the necessary papers to carry the arrangement into effect.

VOTED, that the Chairman approve the sixteenth approximate estimate of work done and material furnished under the contract with Hugh Farrell without deduction on account of the right reserved to the City in said contract to retain fifteen per cent. of the amount due under said approximate estimate; provided that the bondsmen assent to the said payment, and subject also to the approval of the Mayor.

A communication from H. F. Cottle, chief of the Electrical Construction Division, relating to telephone service at 64 Pemberton square, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Kate Gannett Wells regarding the publi-

cation of the annual report of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, was received, read and placed on file.

A petition of the West End Street Railway Company to erect and maintain poles on Charlestown Playground, was received and it was

VOTED, that the locations for poles for carrying the wires of the electric system of the West End Street Railway Company on Alford street, from Main street to Malden bridge, as shown by red dots on plan of A. L. Plimpton, Civil Engineer, dated April 28, 1898, be approved and that said Company be authorized to erect said poles in accordance with said plan, provided that the work be done under the conditions prescribed in the usual form of permit to be issued therefor and to be satisfactory to the Superintendent, and that said poles be removed upon notice from this Board.

A communication from R. Clipston Sturgis relating to the relaying of the asphalt floors at the pier and laundry, North End Beach, and requesting instructions relating to the lifting and resetting of the laundry machinery, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the arrangement was approved and the department would lift the machinery.

A communication from William G. Benedict relating to surface covering for Commonwealth avenue promenade, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Boston City Hospital relating to transfer of land from the Convalescent Home grounds, was received and placed on file.

Requests of Michael F. Harding, B. J. Devine and W. S. Nickerson, for locker privileges at Q street landing, were received and the Secretary was directed to issue a circular to applicants requesting further information.

A request of Guild and Eastman for renewal of insurance on the Administration Building, Audubon Road, was received and placed on file.

An application from John Santosuosso for a fruit and candy stand at North End Beach, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

VOTED, that Antonio Gregori be permitted to sell refreshments on the pier at Marine Park, so long as Castle Island remains closed to the public during the present season, and under the direction of the Superintendent.

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VOTED, that all employees of the department whose services can be dispensed with be given a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on any day they may select, for the purpose of holding a picnic.

VOTED, that the vote of this Board of May 2, 1898, to authorize the Bath Department to take the care and control of the baths and piers at North End Beach, be amended so that the said vote shall read as follows:

VOTED, that this Board, after a conference with the Mayor and in pursuance of authority granted by an order passed by the City Council, believing that the administration and supervision of the baths and piers at the North End Beach fall more properly within the scope of the newly-established Bath Department than within that of the Park Department, hereby authorizes the Bath Department to take the care and control of the above-named baths and piers including the beach and grounds northerly of Commercial street, except all spaces to be planted, from the first day of May to the first day of November, in the current year, upon the following terms, namely:

1. The said baths and piers, beach and grounds shall be open to this Board at all times, and the right is reserved to the Boston Parks Boat Service Company to construct and maintain a boat landing at the end of the westerly pier under the conditions of its agreement with this Board, including the privilege of furnishing light refreshments at said landing.

2. The Bath Department shall keep said premises clean and well-lighted, heated, watched and guarded during said term, and shall employ such attendants as may be necessary for the purpose.

3. It is further understood that any disbursements made by this Board on account of the care and maintenance of the premises, or payment of attendants and employees engaged by the Bath Department during the term, shall be refunded by the Bath Department on the first day of December, 1898.

4. This Board reserves the right to revoke the authority hereby given at any time in its discretion, and with the approval of the Mayor.

Washington G. Benedict, president Boston Parks Boat Service Company, presented an agreement, signed by Mr. Sheldon individually and as president of the Park Boat Service Company, to relieve the City from being called upon for any remuneration on account of the suits or claims for damages arising from the Cas-

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tle Island disaster, June 29, 1896. A formal agreement to extend the concession to the Boston Parks Boat Service Company in accordance with the vote of the Board of April 4 ,1898, was thereupon executed by the Board and sent to the Mayor for his approval.

The plan for a boat landing at the end of the westerly pier at North End Beach, presented by Mr.Sheldon at the last meeting, was approved and the Boston Parks Boat Service Company was authorized to confer with Mr. R. Clipston Sturgis, architect, with reference to plans for the construction of the landing including arrangements for the sale of light refreshments.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MAY 17, 1898.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr.Pratt's office. 35 Congress street, at 12 M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright.

VOTED, to place ten thousand dollars insurance on the Administration Building,on the Riverway, through the office of William A. Muller.

VOTED, that the Superintendent provide benches on the piers, and a swimming raft at North End Beach.

VOTED, that the Superintendent arrange for the construction of a temporary bathing beach at Charlestown Heights at an estimated cost of twenty-four hundred dollars.

A hearing was given to Albe C. Clark on his application for damages for land taken from George D.Cushing heirs and George W. Smith heirs, for the Strandway. Mr.Clark stated that his clients would be willing to agree on some amount between seventeen and twenty thousand dollars. The Commissioners replied that they would not feel justified in settling the case for any higher price than that paid for the Russ estate, or about 4 3/4 cents per foot.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MAY 24, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting, and of the special meeting of May 17th, were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported that he had made inquiries and was satisfied of the responsibility of A. H. Eichorn and of his ability to supply the loam for Marine Park under his proposal, and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Eichorn to sign the contract and furnish a bond for the proper execution of the work.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to remove the wooden steps at Pond street.

The Superintendent reported that he could improve the lighting of the Charlesbank promenade by equipping alternate lamps with Welsbach burners, and recommended the change. It was thereupon

VOTED, that the Welsbach burner be adopted for use at Charlesbank, to equip alternate lamps on the promenade, as recommended by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent reported that four hand-ball courts at Charlestown Playground would cost $2980 in masonry and $2101 in wood, or $2420 and $1535 respectively if the floors are of wood. The matter was referred to the Chairman to report the facts to Councilman Sullivan.

The Superintendent reported that D. V. Goodwin will give the services of a man three days per week for the exclusive concession to sell refreshments at Wood Island Park, for two years, and it was

VOTED, that the exclusive privilege be given to D.V.Goodwin to sell refreshments at Wood Island Park, for two years, on the terms reported by the Superintendent.

The requests of John Sontosuosso and Joseph Sagorilo, for permission to sell refreshments at North End Park, were refused.

A communication from the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, and Boston Physical Education Association proposing co-operation of their societies in relation to the supervision of playgrounds, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Communications from Simon J. Donovan relating to extension of time and compensation for loss on account of delay; from R.

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Clipston Sturgis relating to the manner of constructing the landing and refreshment booth at North End Beach; from the Water Supply Department relating to the laying of pipes and erection of hydrant at Pine Bank House; from the Boston Elevated Railway Compant, lessee of the West End Street Railway Company, for permission to erect and maintain a pole on Blue Hill avenue near Canterbury street, and from the Management of the Fresh Air Fund for permission to hold a series of picnics at Franklin Park in July, and to have music at the Old Folks' Party, July 30th, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Brookline Park Commissioners relating to the condition of the water in Muddy river, was received and placed on file.

A communication from J. J. Flynn relating to bill for extra cost of insurance and extra painting at the refectory, Franklin Park, was received and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Flynn that the Board does not admit the liability of the City for the painting bill, or the extra cost on insurance beyond the amount which the City was to assume under the contract.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to construct a swimming pool at Billings Field out of its maintenance appropriation, to be reimbursed either through securing the passage of a loan or otherwise before the expiration of the financial year. The Superintendent was directed to prepare plans, in accordance with the Mayor's suggestion, preliminary to the making of a contract for the construction of a swimming pool.

Mr. George S. King came before the Board and made a proposition to take a series of one hundred photographs of parks in foreign cities, if the Board will appropriate one hundred dollars for the purpose, which was taken under consideration.

Mr. Wheelwright submitted a draft of a proposed lease to the Columbia Yacht Club of a site on the Strandway, which had been prepared by him in consultation with the Club officers. The lease was approved and it was

VOTED, that the site on the Strandway shown on a plan dated May 10, 1898, and entitled "Columbia Yacht Club Location", be leased to said Club on the terms and conditions set forth in the indenture of lease approved this day, and that upon the acceptance of the aforesaid site by said Columbia Yacht Club, said lease be executed and submitted to the Mayor for approval.

Mr. Stratton submitted a letter from Alderman Dixon requesting

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a permit for Frank Lamachia to operate a striking machine at Charlestown Playground, June 17th, and it was

VOTED, that the police be authorized to allow persons holding recommendations from the Committee on the Celebration of the Seventeenth of June, to occupy space on Charlestown Playground for the sale of refreshments and similar purposes on June 17th,1898.

The Superintendent submitted the bid of the Bay State Dredging Company for constructing a temporary bathing beach at Charlestown Heights, for the net sum of fifty-four cents per cubic yard for dredging and sixty-five cents per cubic yard for gravel filling, and it was

VOTED, to request the consent of the Mayor to the making of a contract without advertising.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from Councilman John P. Sullivan suggesting that the building corner of Main and Alford streets, Charlestown Playground, be set back from the sidewalk to accommodate persons waiting at the transfer station. Mr.Pettigrew stated that no action was necessary under the petition, as the building had already been moved.

The Secretary was authorized to issue permits to W.H.Simonds and others to use motor cycles on the park roads.

A petition from the girls of the East Boston Athletic Association for two days a week in the open-air gymnasium at Wood Island Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club lease was received from the Club and signed by the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MAY 31, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

An order of the City Council authorizing the City Auditor to transfer five thousand dollars from the appropriation for laying out a street from Beacham street to Dorrance street, Charlestown,

to an appropriation for the Bath Department for bathhouse and improvement of the beach opposite Charlestown Heights park, was received and placed on file.

Communications from the Mayor approving contract with Bay State Dredging Company for the construction of a temporary bathing beach at Charlestown Heights, and approving the employment of A. W. Longfellow Jr., as architect for a shelter on the proposed Q street landing, were received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting that the electric and gas lamps on Marine Park be kept burning during the night, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

An advertisement of the petition of Caroline E. Skinner for permission to erect a stable on Park Road, Jamaica Plain, with notice of hearing thereon by the Board of Health, was received and referred to the Secretary.

A communication from Mrs Kate Gannett Wells requesting the action of the Board on the nomination of Miss H. S. Cutler as superintendent of the Women's Division, Charlesbank, in place of Miss Mc Martin, resigned, was received and it was

VOTED, that Miss H. S. Cutler be appointed as superintendent of the Women's gymnasium at Charlesbank, at a salary of $80.00 per month, to take effect June 20th.

A communication from Sarah A. Forbes, relating to the application of Timothy Cunohan for permission to operate flying horses at Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to erect iron fences at Charlesbank, on the lines of Cambridge and Leverett streets.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase a driving horse for the use of the department.

The Secretary was directed to notify the trustees under the will of Choate Burnham, that the Board has a lot of material to dispose of and is considering the filling of the flats taken from their estate, including the Old Channel to Burnham's wharf.

The Superintendent reported that the location for a pole, desired by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, on Blue Hill avenue was not within the jurisdiction of the Board, and the Secretary was directed to notify the Railway Company accordingly.

VOTED, to accept Mr. King's offer to furnish one hundred photographs of views in foreign parks, for $100.

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A communication was received from John C. Cobb transmitting an offer from Mary E. Moseley, et.als.,to settle for the land taken from their estate for the Strandway, for the sum of $1600, and it was

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed June 9,1897, a parcel of land and flats belonging to Mary E. Moseley, et. als., containing thirty-two thousand two hundred square feet, more or less, situate in that part of Old Harbor, so called, which adjoins the location of the Old Colony Railroad, was taken for a public park as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Mary E. Moseley, et.als.,the sum of sixteen hundred dollars upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, subject to taxes for 1897, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Strandway from Marine Park West.

A proposition was received from Hugh Farrell to do the extra work required to complete the work on the Strandway in accordance with the changes shown on the plan of April 18, 1898, for fifty cents per cubic yard, and it was

VOTED, that the proposal be accepted.

An order to do the work in accordance with the modified plan was signed by the Chairman and submitted to the Mayor for approval.

The Superintendent was authorized to erect a canvas shelter on the northerly end of the boat landing at Jamaica pond, similar to the one on the southerly end.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JUNE 13, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

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The Superintendent reported, in response to the petition of Catherine B.Porter and others, that Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of each week be set apart for girls' class work,and that the evenings of the same days be given to women,at Wood Island Park gymnasium, conditional on the privilege being withdrawn if the attendance is not satisfactory, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent's recommendation be adopted.

VOTED, that the Superintendent grant a permit to the Church of the Redeemer, South Boston, to hold a picnic at Bellevue Hill, on June 17th.

On recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED, that Timothy Cunehan be assigned a location for this season, in the Long Crouch Woods picnic grounds, for the operation of his flying horses.

On recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED, that the beach adjoining the L street bathhouse and extending westward about 800 linear feet, be assigned to the use of the Bath Commission for this season.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to install two additional lights at M Street Playground for night athletic work.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED,that the salary of B. K. Howard, Rodsman, be raised from $2.50 to $3.00 per day.

On the statement of the Superintendent that the numbers of golfers on the Franklin Park links,on Saturday afternoons and holidays, almost prohibit the use of the large meadow by the public, it was

VOTED, that the Franklin Park golf links be closed to golfers,on Saturday afternoons and holidays, for the protection of visitors to the park.

The Superintendent was directed to provide switches for the pillar lights in the refectory at Franklin Park.

The Superintendent was requested to examine the spring on the playstead at Franklin Park,to ascertain if a less objectionable method of furnishing spring water at this point can be devised.

VOTED, that the Superintendent prepare a ground plan for the new stable at Franklin Park, for submission to the Board.

A petition from Vincenzo Bonzagni and others,that electric lights be placed on Neptune Road, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

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A report was made by the Superintendent on a communication from Henry W. Kennedy regarding the prohibition of ball playing in the glade at Franklin Park, and a copy of the report was sent to the Mayor.

A communication was received from Charles T. Gallagher, for the Burnham estate, in answer to the notice of the Board of its intention to fill the flats including the channel to Burnham's wharf, which was read and placed on file.

Mr. Washington G. Benedict came before the Board and submitted plans for a shelter, which he desired the Board to erect at Franklin Field, for the convenience of the public, and to be heated and cared for by the Park Boat Service Company.

Mr. Richard H. Gorham conferred with the Board on the matter of the condition of the walk adjoining the Gorham estate at Jamaica pond. Subsequently the Superintendent was directed to complete the sidewalk between Pond and Perkins streets.

VOTED, that the Lauriat Avenue Improvement Association be given permission to hold a concert and display of fireworks on Franklin Field, near Lyons street, on the evening of July 4th, provided all the arrangements for said events be made satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks, including a sufficient detail of police to maintain order.

VOTED, that the Committee on the Seventeenth of June Celebration be permitted to hold an exhibition of fireworks on Charlestown Playground, on the evening of June 17th, under the supervision of the police.

On the request of R. S. Barrows, Chief Marshall, it was

VOTED, that the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association be authorized to hold a parade on the Parkway between Perkins street and Forest Hills, on the morning of the Fourth of July, provided a suitable detail of police is provided to protect the property of this department from injury.

VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to consult Messrs Hartwell, Richardson and Driver for the preparation of plans, for making an outside connection to the men's toilet and a proper screen for the women's lavatory, at Franklin Park refectory.

An inquiry of Messrs Peters and Rice, architects, relating to permissible projections into front yard reservations on Commonwealth avenue, was received and placed on file, the inquiry having been answered by the Secretary.

A communication from Peabody and Stearns, with accompanying

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blue prints of plans for house for William Minot Jr.,on Commonwealth avenue, with request for approval of structures above seventy feet in height, in accordance with chapter 379 of the Acts of 1897, was received and it was

VOTED, that the elevations above seventy feet, as shown on the plans, for house for William Minot Jr.,on Commonwealth avenue, submitted by Peabody and Stearns, be approved, and that the Chairman endorse said approval on the plans.

A proposition from the Bay State Dredging Company, offering to make alterations in gravel filling in construction of beach at Charlestown Heights, for four cents per cubic yard more than the original contract price, was received and accepted.

A petition of Fred H. Annis and William T. Richardson, for the privilege of maintaining a temporary refreshment stand on land of the Boston Water Power Company fronting on Audubon Road, with accompanying recommendation of the trustees of the Boston Water Power Company, was received and the petition rejected.

Executive circular,number 42, relating to inspection of isolated electric plants operated by the City, was received and referred to the Superintendent to grant the facilities desired by the Electrical Construction Department.

Sundry orders of the Common Council requesting estimates of cost of erecting iron fences around Charlesbank and Ward 3 Playground, also that the ball grounds at Wood Island Park be put in condition for use, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

Orders of the Common Council requesting the erection of back stops for the base ball diamonds at Franklin Field and Christopher Gibson Playground, were received and placed on file, the Superintendent reporting that the back stops had been erected.

A communication from the Commissioner of Wires,relating to the condition of the electric wires at the Franklin Park refectory, was received and placed on file, the Superintendent reporting that he had given orders to have the defects remedied.

A communication from the City Solicitor, stating that he had agreed to settle the case of Eliza B. Macquarrie, for land taken for the North End Playground, for $12,300, without interest, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Eliza B. Macquarrie for land taken for North End Playground, for the sum of twelve thousand three hundred dollars,without interest.

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A communication from the Harbor and Land Commissioners accompanying a license to fill in Dorchester Bay, was received and placed on file.

Communications from Messrs Chadwick and Stillings relating to the completion of the Fenway on the North side of Beacon street, and from Josiah H. Quincy with accompanying petition for the construction of a roadway through the West Roxbury Parkway, from Bussey Park to Bellevue Hill, were received and referred to Mr.Wheelwright and the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Captain Henry Dawson, calling attention to the need of lights on Audubon bridge, also under the Stony Brook and Saddle Path bridges, was received and referred to the Superinterdent.

A communication from Councilman Joseph A. Turnbull, requesting that the bill posting fence at Charlestown Playground be removed before June 17th, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent remove the fence after notice to John Donnelly and Sons of said intention.

A communication from Mayor Quincy regarding the letting of the contract for the wooden wharf on the Strandway,and requesting that the Repair Division be given a chance to figure upon similar work in the future, was received and placed on file.

A request of the American Surety Company for release of bond under J. A. Whittemore's Sons'contract for building a wall on the Arborway, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

VOTED, that $4814 of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Robert Bacon et.als.,numbered 69 on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated, provided that the balance of the assessment be paid within thirty days.

An invitation, from the Minneapolis Park Commission, to attend the second annual convention of the Park and Outdoor Art Association, to be held June 22 to 25, was received and a reply was sent regretting that the engagements of the Commissioners prevent their acceptance.

The Superintendent submitted the following bids for furnishing and erecting an iron fence at School Master Hill quarry, Franklin Park:

James Flynn,	Boston.	$1095	$1.42	lin.ft.
James Russell Boiler Works Co.	"	1410	1.83	" "
W. A. Snow & Company,	"	1485	1.93	" "

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P. J. Dinn,	Boston.	$1540	$2.00	lin.ft.
Van Dorn Iron Works Company,	Cleveland,	1598	2.08	" "
George T.McLauthlin & Co.	Boston.	2135.20	2.76	" "

and it was

VOTED, that the contract be awarded to James Flynn, provided that he agrees to complete the work within five weeks.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to make requisition on the Civil Service Commission,for fifty men,for this season's work.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JUNE 20, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt,also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a report on the surfacing of Perkins street, between Chestnut street and Parkman road,and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to do the work in accordance with his recommendation.

A protest from Frederick W. Colby,against closing the golf links Saturday afternoons and holidays,was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from Colonel T. L. Livermore,accompanying a letter from Mrs. Richards relating to the algae on Jamaica pond, was received and referred to the Chairman to consult Professor Farlow in regard to the matter.

A communication from Robert F. Clark, Police Commissioner, regarding the granting of a victualler's license to Mr.Aronson, on Pond street, Jamaica Plain, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets,relating to the furnishing of stone screenings by his department, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the trustees of the City Hospital, relating to a proposed transfer of land from the Convalescent Home to the Park Department, was received and laid over.

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An order of the Common Council, requesting that the open space at Lauriat and Milton avenues be laid out as a public square, was received and a report was made to the Mayor.

A communication from John M. Riordan relating to a bonfire, July 4th, on the field between Everett street, the Boston & Albany Railroad and the stock yards of said Company was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the Brookline Park Commissioners, regarding surface drainage on Muddy river, was received and referred to the Chairman to inform the Street Department of the conclusions reached by this Board in regard to the drainage question.

Communications were received from the Mayor regarding a route for electric cars to Wood Island Park, over Neptune Road, also regarding a permanent band stand at Marine Park, and were referred to the Chairman for reply.

A petition of S. I. Hudgens for a new location for the Sunday burro service at Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Communications were received from the Mayor regarding arrangements for bathing at North End Beach, including the addition of fifty bath houses, the extension of the bath house at Wood Island Park and electric lighting at both places. The Superintendent was directed to provide the lighting, as requested by the Mayor, and the matter of additional bath houses was laid over.

Professor Sargent came before the Board and asked that the rules for the use and government of the Arnold Arboretum be amended, by striking out of rule one the words "belonging to the City" so that it would apply to property of the College as well as that belonging to the City, as the judge of the Police Court held that the rule as worded did not protect College property. The Board took the matter under advisement.

The lease to the Columbia Yacht Club of a site on the Strandway was received, together with a copy of the vote of the Club accepting the same, and was signed by the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JUNE 28, 1898.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Mayor's office at 3. P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew.

A conference was held with the Superintendent of Streets, Deputy Superintendent Cutter and the City Engineer in regard to the question of surface drainage in Muddy river. It was agreed that the Superintendent of Streets should formulate a plan for carrying all such drainage into the covered channel of Muddy river and, in the meantime, the Board would consider the question of the temporary discharge, under proper guarantees, of the drainage of the area between Huntington avenue, Francis street and Brookline avenue into Muddy river..

The Board executed a release to William Minot and Charles S. Rackemann, trustees under the will of Francis V.Balch, from the restrictions contained in a deed of said Balch to the City,dated December 31, 1896, and recorded with Suffolk deeds.

Mr. Pettigrew reported that the cost of installing the electric lights at the Jamaica Pond and Marine Park boat landings, desired by the Park Boat Service Company, and two additional lamps on the beach at Marine Park would be $339.50. The Board declined to approve the plan in view of the expense involved.

Plans for the extension of the bath house at Wood Island Park were submitted by the Architect's Division of the Public Buildings'Department, and it was

VOTED, to expend $2000 for the extension of the bath house, in accordance with said plans.

VOTED, that the Superintendent cause the pumping station and machinery, at Ward's pond, to be advertised for sale.

A communication was received from the City Solicitor recommending the settlement of the case of Wheat vs.Boston, for the taking of land for the North End Playground, for $6750, without interest, and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Herbert E. Wheat for land taken for North End Playground, for the sum of six thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, without interest, upon his giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department.

A request of John F.Dever, clerk of committees, for leave to hold athletic sports at First Street Playground, on June 28th,

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was received and referred to the Superintendent with full power.

VOTED, to approve the erection of a temporary bridge over the cut made for the extension of Ipswich street through the Fens.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JUNE 27, 1893.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

On recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be empowered, at his discretion, to designate resting places for bicyclists along the parkways and in the parks, changing the same as may be found expedient.

The Superintendent recommended that the contract, proposed to be made with A. H. Eichorn, permit of the estimates being made on loam furnished by lighter or load measurement, instead of being measured on the ground, because of the difficulty experienced by Eichorn in getting teams and lighters under the latter plan, neither teamsters nor lighter-men being willing to accept such a method. It was thereupon

VOTED, that lighter or load measurements be specified in the contract with A. H. Eichorn, for furnishing loam at Marine Park, providing that the expense of such measuring be deducted from the amount to be paid under said contract.

A communication from Fire Commissioner, H. S. Russell, relating to change in location of pole at M Street Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, requesting the privilege of landing paving blocks on park land at Alford street, was received and referred to the Superintendent with authority to grant the request.

A communication from Simon J. Donovan, requesting that his claim be considered at this meeting, was received and a reply made that the claim had not been presented in such definite shape that the Board could act upon it.

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A communication from W. S. Rendle requesting that the sum due him, for work done under a supplementary contract for removing piles from the westerly pier, at North End Beach, and cleaning up the work, be paid, was received and referred to the City Engineer for report.

A communication from Caroline H. Clarke requesting that the lines of her estate, corner Autumn street and Longwood avenue, be established, was received and referred to the Secretary to furnish a blue print of any plan relating to her estate that the department may have.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting that three electric lights be placed and maintained at Ward 14 Playground, was received and placed on file, the Superintendent stating that the lights had already been located.

A request that Her Majesty's Royal British Life Guards Band be permitted to erect a tent at Franklin Park, on or about August 1st, for the purpose of holding "Boston's Battle Anthem Festival", was received and permission refused.

A communication from Patrick McKenzie enclosing complimentary tickets from the park laborers for their annual picnic, to be held July 26th, was received and laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a request from the Boston Cricket Club, that the department pay for the water used by the club in improving the grounds, and it was

VOTED, to refuse the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report calling attention to the dangers attending the letting of boats to inexperienced persons, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to notify the Park Boat Service Company of the need of caution in this particular.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

VOTED, that the Music Committee be requested to change the time of Sunday concerts, at Marine Park, from six to eight P.M., to seven to nine P.M.

VOTED, that steps be taken to have removed from Columbia Road the old building of the City Point Rowing Association.

The Superintendent recommended that, in place of the laborers detailed to help the engineers, graduates from one of the engineering schools be employed for the summer season, as the employment of young engineering graduates will make the service better and cheaper. It was thereupon

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VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to substitute engineering graduates for laborers, for engineering field work.

A communication was received from the Mayor, enclosing a letter addressed to him by the Superintendent of Streets containing the terms of the agreement under which temporary permission is asked, by that department, to throw the surface water from the Francis-street district into Muddy river. The Mayor suggested that the duration of the permit might be limited to one year from date. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, that the Board accepts the proposition set forth in a communication of the Superintendent of streets to the Mayor, dated June 27, 1898, and recommended by the Mayor in his letter of even date, as a settlement of the matter of the temporary disposition of the surface drainage into Muddy river from the district bounded by Huntington avenue, Francis street and the Parkway, referred to in the letter of the Superintendent of Streets, and that upon the presentation of plans, satisfactory to the Board, for said temporary drainage by the Street Department, this Board will issue a permit therefor with authority to maintain the same for one year from the date of said permit.

VOTED, that the vote of this Board of June 13, 1898, to abate four thousand, eight hundred and fourteen dollars of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Robert Bacon et.als., be rescinded.

VOTED, that in the betterment suit of Robert Bacon, et.als., vs. Boston, the Law Department be authorized to consent to a judgment of four thousand, three hundred and fourteen dollars, without costs or interest.

The Chairman submitted plans for an outside entrance to the men's toilet at the Franklin Park refectory, from Hartwell, Richardson & Driver. The plans were approved and referred to the Superintendent to confer with Professor Chandler and, if approved by him, to secure estimates from the architects for said work.

VOTED, that the rules adopted for the use and government of Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park be amended by inserting in rule one, after the word "City", the words,-or Harvard College.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JULY 11, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3.30 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, Mr. Wheelwright being absent from the City. Also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted the following proposals for furnishing uniforms for drivers:

A Shuman & Company,	Suit and felt hat,	$5.00
" " " "	" " straw "	4.85
Spitz Bros. & Mork,	" " felt "	5.60
" " " "	" " straw "	5.35

and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to procure uniforms, for the drivers of the teams and water carts belonging to the department, from A Shuman & Company, at their offer of five dollars, the cost of same to be deducted from the pay of the men, at the rate of one dollar a week until paid.

The Superintendent recommended that drinking fountains be erected as follows, one each at Perkins street near the old gate house, at Pond street boat landing, at Refectory bicycle stand, at Dorchester Park picnic ground, and two at Wood Island Park, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to place drinking fountains in the locations recommended by him; those at Dorchester Park and Wood Island Park to be self-closing.

The Superintendent reported that the cost of installing the electric cable and electric lights at Neptune Road would be twelve hundred and forty dollars, and the report was laid over for further consideration.

A communication was received from Consulting Architect, F. W. Chandler, approving the removal of the wooden framework of the pergola at Franklin Park refectory, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to remove the trellis of the pergola, at Franklin Park refectory, at the close of the present season.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Streets requesting early attention to the matter of a fence between the North End Park and the City Paving Yard. The Superintendent reported that the cost of an iron fence would be about two hundred dollars, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to secure pro-

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posals for an iron fence to be erected on the boundary between North End Beach and the North Paving Yard, on the understanding that the Street Department will assume one half the cost.

A request of Councilman Alfred Newmarch that the poisonous ivy on the Seaver-street side of Franklin Park be removed, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A notice from the City Clerk's department enclosing an order of the Board of Aldermen, concerning the closing of a portion of Commonwealth avenue during the parade of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America be permitted to parade on Commonwealth avenue, from Berkeley street to Arlington street, between the hours of 7 and 9 P.M., on August 10, 1898, on condition that a suitable detail of police be provided to protect the property of the City from injury and to maintain order.

An order of the Common Council requesting that a flagstaff and flag be furnished and placed in position on the Christopher Gibson Playground, was received and placed on file.

Orders of the Common Council requesting that children under the age of six years, accompanied by parents, be permitted to play on the grass at Charlesbank, also requesting a report as to the expediency and expense of constructing a shelter at Marine Park, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A petition of Martin J. Brain for the privilege of erecting a small stand near the L-street bathhouse, for the sale of light refreshments, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of Miss Miriam H. Benjamin for the use of the lower hall in the Pine Bank building for a Composers' Concert, to be held twice a week, in the evening, also the privilege of selling soda water and ice-cream during the day and evening of the concerts, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board does not think it wise at present to give the use of the building for concerts or the sale of refreshments.

A request of John T. Robinson that the horseless carriage be accorded equal rights and privileges in the parks with other pleasure carriages, also a communication from the Police Commissioners with reference to licenses for the use of motor cycles, were received and referred to the Chairman and Superintendent to confer with the Police Commissioners.

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The Secretary was directed to notify Contractor S. J. Donovan to stop the practice of loading the wall at the Strandway, by putting filling above the grade specified in the contract.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay to Emma Wieland, widow of Philip J. Wieland, gardener, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this department.

A communication was received from Professor C.S.Sargent calling the attention of the Board to the condition of the work in the Peters Hill extension of the Arnold Arboretum, and to the obligation the City is under to complete the work in accordance with its agreement with the College. Mr. Pettigrew stated that the force now employed at Neponset Playground would be available in a week or so to resume work in the quarry, which would furnish material for completing the driveways in the Arboretum and Jamaica Park.

Messrs H. B. Williams, R. S. Ladd, I. F. Woodbury and G. W. Arthur, representing the Westminster Chambers Trust, accompanied by their architect, Mr. Henry F. Cregier, came before the Board and submitted plans for the Westminster Chambers, showing a frieze and cornice extending six feet above the height specified by chapter 415 of the acts of 1893, with the request that the Board approve the same as sculptured ornaments under authority of said act. The Board

VOTED, to refer the matter to Professor F. W. Chandler and the Law Department.

A communication from the Street Commissioners stating that the building of the City Point Rowing Association is on the Columbia Road without their knowledge or consent, was received and placed on file.

A request of the trustees of the Boston Water Power Company that the line of the parkway adjacent to their property be defined by monuments on the ground, and that they be furnished with a plan showing the line of the park frontage with reference to them, was received and the matter was referred to the Superintendent, Engineer Putnam and the Secretary to look into the matter and furnish the information desired.

Requests of Captain Savory of Police Headquarters for permission to put a light at the end of the walk in front of the Overlook Building, marked "Police Station", also sign over door marked "Sub-Station 13", and an electric bell in the night room, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

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Communications from the Police Department giving notice of the detailing of a patrolman at Charlesbank gymnasium, from 2.30 P.M. till the gymnasium closes, also relating to the measures taken to abate the nuisance existing at Edward Everett square, were received and placed on file.

A request of the City Collector for co-operation of this Board in the matter of the collection of poll taxes, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Hon. H. H. Sprague, trustee of the Boston City Hospital, regarding the objections to the transferring to the Park Department of a portion of the land connected with the Convalescent Home, also notice from Percy W. Carver of assignment of W.S.Rendle, were received and placed on file.

A request of C. Walker & Company for an estimate of work done on the Strandway wharf and for an extension of time to July 25, also petition from J.F.Scully and others for reconsideration of the action of the Board in closing the golf links on Saturday afternoons and holidays, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

BOSTON, JULY 18, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, Mr. Wheelwright being absent from the City. Also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report suggesting the substitution of a planting space for the proposed driveway around Wood Island Park, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to substitute a planting space for the driveway in grading Wood Island Park.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED, that old Walnut street, in Franklin Park, from the driveway to the foot of the hill, past the quarry hole, be abolished, and that it be loamed and planted, and the walk turned into the wood to the west.

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VOTED, that the Superintendent confer with the Street Commissioners with a view to having a grade established at the junction of Fairview and Mendum streets, which will best conform to the grade of the entrance to the Arboretum at that point.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to remove the Valley Gate houses at Franklin Park.

The question of framing an ordinance prohibiting people from bringing flowers into Franklin Park or Arnold Arboretum, or carrying them from any of the parks, was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent reported on the petition of J. F. Scully and others, that the golf course be opened on Saturday afternoons, suggesting that further time be given for observation, and the matter was laid on the table.

The Superintendent reported on the complaint of Councilman Newmarch of ivy near Seaver Street having poisoned several persons, that he would have the vine removed along paths and much frequented spots, but that it was not desirable or practicable to entirely eradicate poison ivy from Franklin Park.

On recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED, that the time for the completion of the contract with Clement Walker & Company, for building a wharf on the Strandway, be extended to July 25th current.

The Superintendent submitted extimates for constructing fences at Charlesbank and Mystic Playground, as requested by orders of the City Council, referred by the Mayor June 3, 1898, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report the facts to the Mayor.

Mr. Pettigrew submitted a report from the Engineer stating that less than one half of the original deposit of mud has been removed from the channel of the Fens, between Agassiz bridge and Stony Brook bridge, and a letter was sent to the Superintendent of Streets calling his attention to the fact.

Sundry bills from the Public Buildings Department Repair Division, for work at North End Beach and Wood Island Park, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication was sent to the Bath Commission declining to pay for construction work not authorized by the Board, and asking to be consulted in advance as to extensive repairs, should any be needed.

A communication was received from the Boston Elevated Railway

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Company, submitting a draft for an order approving the location of the West End Street Railway tracks on Ipswich and other streets, in accordance with chapter 523 of the acts of 1897. The order was signed by the Board and the Chairman was authorized to approve the plans referred to therein.

A communication from John H. Storer, enclosing petitions from the Dana trustees, Mr. G. A. Nickerson and the trustees of the Boston Water Power Company, requesting the removal of the planted strips in Boylston Road, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

On recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED, that Mr. Bowler be authorized to give an athletic exhibition at Charlesbank, July 30, at an expense to the department not exceeding fifty dollars.

A communication from E. W. Chandler recommending a rearrangement of the facades of the Westminster Chambers, to bring the height within statutory limits, was received and placed on file, the plans having been returned to the trustees in accordance with his suggestion.

Communications from the Superintendent of Streets agreeing to assume half the cost of the fence between the North End Paving Yard and Park, and relating to lamppost on the line of First Street, near Ward 14 Playground, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Police, stating that instructions have been given to have additional police surveillance at Franklin Park refectory, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Board of Police relating to the transfer of Sergeant Keith from the park patrol, was received and placed on file.

Communications from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company relating to the cost of connecting the Charlesbank gymnasium building with the branch service switch-board at City Hall, also estimate for branch exchange service on measured service basis for the department headquarters, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from V.Bonzagni concerning the erection of electric light poles on Neptune Road, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Communications from George F. D. Paine and David Loring re-

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garding the projected improvements at Charlesgate and protesting against the establishment of a playground there, were received. The Superintendent submitted an estimate of the cost of extending Charlesgate in accordance with the original plans, amounting to sixty-five thousand, one hundred and twenty dollars, and the matter was laid over for further investigation.

VOTED, that the following estimates for construction, amounting to $191,100, be approved, and that the balance of about $50,000 available for construction be devoted to the improvement of Charlesgate, north of Beacon street:

PINE and RIVERWAY,	Loaming,	$8,000
LEVERETT PARK,	Walks and ponds,	5,000
PERKINS STREET,	Reconstructing,	4,500
PARKMAN ROAD,	Surfacing,	4,000
JAMAICA PARK,	Grading walks,	1,000
JAMAICA PARK,	Perkins & Prince streets,	10,000
ARNOLD ARBORETUM.	Roads & walks, Peters Hill,	30,000
ARNOLD ARBORETUM,	Gates and masonry,	4,000
ARNOLD ARBORETUM,	Boundary wall,	1,000
WEST ROXBURY PARKWAY,	Grading road to Mt. Bellevue,	28,000
FRANKLIN PARK,	Walls,	25,000
FRANKLIN PARK,	Forest Hills Ent. traffic road,	7,500
FRANKLIN PARK,	Stable,	15,000
FRANKLIN PARK,	Sundry grading, draining etc.,	15,000
DORCHESTER PARK,	Boundary walls,	2,800
MARINE PARK,	Loaming,	21,000
STRAIGHWAY,		5,000
WOOD ISLAND PARK,	Bridge,	2,500
WOOD ISLAND PARK,	Drainage,	800
COPP'S HILL,	Fences & crestings on walls,	1,000
		$191,100

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JULY 25, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, Mr. Wheelwright being absent from the City. Also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

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The following bids for making alterations in the toilet room at Franklin Park refectory were received:

A. Hathaway's Sons,	$624.00
John J. Flynn,	681.00
John M. Mainland,	693.00
C. H. Dodge,	719.00

and it was

VOTED, to accept the bid of A. Hathaway's Sons.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to build a wooden fence along the line of the sea wall at Mystic Playground.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to provide two diving floats at Marine Park bathing beach.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to relay the wooden floor of Commonwealth avenue bridge with four courses of patent felt under the flooring, at an estimated expense for the felt of fifty dollars.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the rearrangement of the planting spaces in Boylston Road, as petitioned for by the trustees of the Boston Water Power Company and others, and the matter was laid over.

A communication from Mayor Quincy forwarding a letter from the Boston Elevated Railway Company, concerning the proposed arrangement of tracks and trees on Columbia Road, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A report of the City Engineer on the supplementary contract with Mr. Rendle in relation to John L. Nichols' claim that pile stubs had not been properly cleaned up and removed from the dock of Fiske's wharf, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Superintendent of Lamps relating to the installation of electric lights at First Street Playground and Arboretum, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relating to the claim of Thomas Gaffney against Joseph F. Cadwell, an employee of the Park Department, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

VOTED, that all employees of the department whose services can be dispensed with, be given a holiday without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on July 26th, for the purpose of holding their annual picnic.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay to Margaret Donlon, widow of William Donlon, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this department.

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VOTED, that the rules adopted for the use and government of Franklin Park be amended by striking out in rule one the words "or have possession of any part thereof", and inserting in place thereof the words,- or bring within the park or have possession there of any flowers, or any tree, bush or plant, or part thereof,- so that said rule shall read as follows:- No person shall cut, break, deface, defile or ill-use any building, fence, tree, bush, plant, turf or other thing belonging to the city, or bring within the park or have possession there of any flowers, or any tree, bush or plant, or part thereof.

VOTED, that the rules adopted for the use and government of Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park be amended by striking out in rule one the words "or have possession of any part thereof", and inserting in place thereof the words,- or bring within the park or have possession there of any flowers, or any tree, bush or plant, or part thereof,-so that said rule shall read as follows:- No person shall cut, break, deface, defile or ill-use any building, fence, tree, bush, plant, turf or other thing belonging to the city or Harvard College, or bring within the park or have possession there of any flowers, or any tree, bush or plant, or part thereof.

VOTED, that Gilman J. Raymond be granted permission to sharpen skates, and to sell skates and skate straps on Jamaica Pond for the coming season, under the supervision of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent's report on the petition of J. F. Scully and others, that the golf links be reopened on Saturday afternoons and holidays, was taken from the table and it was

VOTED, that the Franklin Park golf links be reopened on Saturday afternoons beginning September 17th.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, AUGUST 1, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, Mr. Wheelwright being absent from the city. Also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

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The Superintendent's report on the re-arrangement of the planting spaces in Boylston Road, submitted last week, was taken up and a copy sent to Mr. John H. Storer in answer to the petition, of the trustees of the Boston Water Power Company and others, that the loam spaces be removed.

The Chairman submitted a request of the Bath Commission for permission to use the locker room of the Field House at Wood Island Park, to increase the bathing facilities at the park, together with a report from the Superintendent against the plan, and a copy of the Chairman's letter refusing the request, which had already been sent to the Bath Department.

The Superintendent submitted a sketch for a granite drinking fountain which he recommended to be erected at Perkins street, near the Pumping Station, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to contract for a granite drinking fountain to be placed at the junction of Perkins and Chestnut streets.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to expend six hundred dollars for loam, and to do other work at Neponset Playground, not exceeding the balance of appropriation.

A communication was sent to the City Engineer regarding the preparation of drainage plans for Stony Brook, in connection with the extension of Charlesgate north of Beacon street.

A communication from the West End Street Railway Company, accepting track and electric pole locations and other rights on Boylston and Ipswich streets, under the provisions of section 4 of chapter 523 of the acts of 1897; also communication from H. S. Russell, Fire Commissioner, with reference to the fire alarm wires crossing Riverway at Brookline avenue; also communication from Wheelwright and Haven relating to bills for repairing plastering and sgraffito work, and for weather strip work, on the Head House; also communication from Patrolman John McGlinn suggesting the need of an incline from the sidewalk on Medford street to the subway under the Boston and Maine railroad tracks, to enable women with baby carriages to approach the bathing beach, were received, read and placed on file.

Executive circulars 43 and 44, calling attention to the law regarding record ink, also to the establishment of a Civil Service Division of the Auditing Department were received and placed on file.

Acknowledgments from Governor Wolcott and President Eliot of

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invitation to athletic exhibition at Charlesbank, also from Patrick McKenzie of the gift of the Commissioners to the picnic funds of the park laborers union, were received and placed on file.

The question of the installation of electric lights on Neptune Road, Commonwealth avenue and Audubon Road, were taken from the table and referred to the Superintendent to confer with the Boston Electric Light Company and the Superintendent of Lamps regarding the offer of the Company to lay the necessary conduit without expense to this department.

Plans for iron fences on Ipswich street and on the bridge over the Fens waterway were received from the City Engineer and approved, the Chairman endorsing the said approval on the plans.

Geo. F. Pelaske,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, AUGUST 8, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, Mr. Wheelwright being absent from the City. Also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposition of the Boston Electric light Company to install electric lamps with underground service, on Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Beacon street, and on Neptune Road and Audubon Road, recommending the acceptance of its offer, and the matter was laid on the table pending a reply from the Electric Light Company regarding what rebate it will make for the existing lamp posts and poles

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to expend fifty dollars to drain the stagnant pool in Franklin Field, referred to in the communication of the Board of Health.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to procure uniforms, for men employed in maintenance on the roads, paths and lawns, from A. Shuman & Company, at their offer of three dollars, the cost of the same to be deducted from the pay of the men at

the rate of one dollar a week, until paid for.

A communication from Mayor Quincy requesting a plan and estimate for planting the southern portion of Long Island, used for the Randidge Picnic Ground and for the Camp for boys, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Police Department,relating to the policing of Marine Park and the assignment of Sergeant Keith to duty at Station 18,was received and placed on file.

A communication from Albert H. Eichorn requesting a modification of the specifications of the contract for furnishing loam at Marine Park, was received and it was

VOTED, that the vote of this Board of June 27,1898, in relation to said contract and specifications, be amended by inserting before the words "the expense", the words "one half", and by adding at the end thereof the words "and that in lieu of the clause providing payments of 85 per centum of monthly estimates, payments be made for the full value of the work done, less the sum of five hundred dollars first due under said contract,which amount shall be retained as part security for the fulfilment of the contract.

VOTED, that a further expenditure of one thousand dollars be authorized for the extension of the bath houses at Wood Island Park, by the Repair Division of the Public Buildings Department, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets in relation to the report of the Assistant Engineer of the Park Department on the removal of the deposits from the Back Bay Fens, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Two communications from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the dumping of material on the triangle at the corner of Freeport street and Neponset avenue, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Philip B. Stewart, calling attention to the condition of the canoes on Jamaica Pond, was received and a letter was sent to the Park Boat Service Company calling attention to the complaint.

Petitions of Herbert M. Minot to run a steam bicycle riding school at the corner of Main and Alford streets, and of R. K. Witham to lease side walls and rear wall of the building 569 Main street, Charlestown Playground, for advertisement of Quaker Oats, were received and permission severally refused.

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Mr. Hugh Farrell, with his counsel, Hon. P. A. Collins, came before the Board with regard to his claim for additional compensation under his contract for filling at the Strandway. Mr. Collins stated that it was evident, from the Engineer's estimate of 143,000 to 144,000 cubic yards of material furnished, that the contractor would not be fairly remunerated, as scow measurements showed that 237,000 cubic yards had been deposited. If 18 % is allowed for settlement it would leave 200,000 cubic yards as the amount which the contractor should be paid for. He suggested that the matter in dispute be referred to the City Engineer as provided in the contract, to which suggestion the Commissioners assented.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, AUGUST 10, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report from assistant Engineer Putnam of the difference between the estimates made by the City Engineer and himself of the work done under the Farrell contract, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the City Engineer regarding the amount which should be allowed Mr. Farrell under his contract for filling on the Strandway.

The Superintendent submitted a proposition from the E. Howard Watch and Clock Company to substitute wooden dials of the ordinary pattern for the fancy skeleton iron dials now on the Head House, for one hundred and fifteen dollars, and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent with instructions to confer with the Architect regarding what changes in the clock dials are desirable to be made.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Assistant Engineer Putnam regarding the basis of his report in relation to the matter of the removal of the deposits from the Back Bay Fens, also an estimate of the cost of constructing the easterly boundary road

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of the West Roxbury Parkway, between Weld street and Washington street, which were placed on file.

A proposition from Albert H. Nichorn to furnish additional loam at Marine Park, at $1.25 per cubic yard, was received and the offer declined.

A communication from the Boston Parks Boat Service Company relating to the condition of the canoes at Jamaica Pond was received. Mr. Sheldon came before the Board and stated that he could not account for the trouble complained of; the company would do all that could be done to keep the boats clean and tidy.

At Mr.Sheldon's request the Board signified its consent to the Boston Electric Light Company making out the bills for electric light supplied the Company, in the name of the City, in order that the Boat Service Company may have the benefit of the regular City rates.

A communication from Olmsted Brothers, accompanying prints of grading plans for West Roxbury Parkway, was received and placed on file.

A communication was received from Andrew J. Sullivan stating that the division fence, erected by the Commissioners between his land and Franklin Field, encroached upon his land about two feet, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for investigation and report.

A petition from citizens and tax payers residing in the vicinity of Franklin Field, requesting that the nuisance caused by the sheep at Franklin Field be abated, was received and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for report.

The proposition of the Boston Electric Light Company to install electric lamps with underground service in Neptune Road, Commonwealth avenue and Audubon Road was taken from the table, and it was

VOTED, that the proposition of the Boston Electric Light Company to construct and maintain underground conduits for electric lighting in Neptune Road and in portions of Commonwealth avenue and Audubon Road, without cost to this department, be accepted.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to arrange with the Boston Electric Light Company for the erection of lamp posts, of the design recommended by him in his report of August 8,1898.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, AUGUST 17, 1898.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 12 M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed September 13, 1897, a parcel of land belonging to Catherine F. Hickey, containing ten thousand, one hundred and two square feet, more or less, situate on Mendum street, in that part of Boston called West Roxbury, was taken for a public park as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Catherine F. Hickey the sum of twenty-five hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty cents upon her proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Parks.

Mr. A. W. Longfellow Jr. submitted plans of five gates for the Arboretum together with the following bids:

John Williams & H. B. Stillman, New York,	$2850.00
New England Structural Company,	3000.00
Murdock Parlor Grate Company,	2888.00

The matter was laid over pending approval of the Mayor to the letting of the contract to the lowest bidder.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, AUGUST 23, 1898.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 12 M. Present Messrs Pratt and Wheelwright, Mr. Stratton being absent from the City.

A conference was held with Deputy Superintendent Cutter and Mr. Dorr and others of the Sewer Division of the Street Department. Mr. Cutter submitted a plan of proposed drainage of surface water into Muddy river from the territory between Huntington avenue and Brookline avenue adjoining Francis street, also

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for the rebuilding and extension of the Francis street sewer from Brookline avenue to the Brookline line. Mr. Cutter was requested to furnish a copy of his plan, which the Board agreed to take under consideration with reference to granting authority to do the work.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 6, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Wheelwright submitted the lease for a site on the Strandway for the South Boston Yacht Club, which had been modified somewhat in accordance with the desires of the Club, which was approved and it was

VOTED, that the site of the Strandway shown on a plan dated April 9, 1898, and entitled South Boston Yacht Club Location, be leased to said Club on the terms and conditions set forth in the indenture of lease approved this day, and that said lease be executed and submitted to the Mayor for approval.

James E. Fitzgerald, representing a body of East Boston citizens, came before the Board and asked for a conference regarding work on Wood Island Park. The Commissioners agreed to fix a date for a hearing, to be held at 64 Pemberton square.

A communication from Francis Peabody Jr., requesting the removal of the shrubbery plantations upon Boylston Road, between the bridge crossing, the Boston and Albany railroad, and the extension of Boylston street, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Boston Electric Light Company relating to the laying of the underground conduits in Neptune Road and portions of Commonwealth avenue and Audubon Road, also communication from Professor F. W. Chandler enclosing a copy of a letter to A. E. Pillsbury in regard to the cornice of the Westminster Chambers, were received and placed on file.

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A notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing, September 7th, on the application of the Standard Rope and Twine Company, to build a brick chamber in the Charles river.

A communication from O'Brion and Russell enclosing insurance policy for $4000 on the dwelling house at Chestnut Hill Reservoir, was received and it was

VOTED, that the dwelling house at Chestnut Hill Reservoir be insured for three thousand dollars, for five years.

A communication from J. Oliver Higgins regarding the keeping of sheep on Franklin Field was received. The Superintendent reported on the matter, and a communication was sent to Catherine Higgins, for the petitioners, enclosing a copy of the Superintendent's report.

A communication from the Bath Department enclosing a bill for coal delivered at the Paris street gymnasium, April 25,1898, was received and the Secretary was directed to return the bill with a statement that, in the opinion of the Board, the bill should be paid by the Bath Department.

A communication from Elder, Wait and Whitman, requesting an inspection of plans of Westminster Chambers, when approved by the Board, also acknowledgment of the Treasurer of Harvard College of the receipt of the amended rules for Arnold Arboretum, were received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting an accident emergency shelter to be provided near Jamaica pond, was received and a communication addressed to the Mayor on the subject.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting that the parade of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows be permitted to pass through Commonwealth avenue, September 21st, and that the avenue be closed during said parade, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows be permitted to parade on Commonwealth avenue, on Wednesday, September 21,1898, on condition that a sufficient detail of police be provided to protect the trees and other property of the City from injury; and that the southerly side of said avenue be closed against the passage of vehicles during the said parade.

A communication from the East Boston Land Company offering to sell the present site of the Wood Island station of the Boston,Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad, at thirty cents per foot,was received and laid on the table.

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A communication from Albert H. Eichorn stating that he had completed the work under his contract for furnishing loam at Marine Park, was received and placed on file.

A communication from A. W. Longfellow Jr., giving a synopsis of bids for gates and gate posts at Arnold Arboretum, was received and it was

VOTED, to accept the bid of C. A. Dodge & Company for building gate posts, for the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 13, 1898.

A conference was held with officials of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, at the Chairman's office, at 12 M., at which were present President Gaston, Vice President Burnet and Engineer Plympton, on the part of the Railway Company, and Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright and Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Manley, on the part of the City.

The subject under consideration was the plan for erecting trolley poles on Columbia Road, in which matter the President stated that he thought the Company was now practically in accord with the City, the Company desiring the trees to be placed one foot nearer the traffic road than indicated on the City's plan. The Commissioners suggested that, in view of the use of the road as a parkway, the Company should bury its feed wires. This the President said the Company would take under consideration.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 13, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Wheelwright, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

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The following proposals were received and opened in the presence of the bidders, and taken under advisement:

FOOT BRIDGE, WOOD ISLAND PARK.

Boston Bridge Works.	Boston,	$2850.00
Groton Bridge & Mfg. Co.	Groton, N. Y.	2940.00
Pittsburg Bridge Co.	Springfield, Mass.	2945.00
" " "	Plan D.	2960.00
" " "	Plan E.	2985.00
New Jersey Steel Co.	Boston.	2948.00
Edge Moor Bridge Co.	Boston.	2950.00
King Bridge Co.	Boston.	2958.00
Berlin Iron Bridge Co.	Berlin Conn.	3090.00
Wrought Iron Bridge Co.	Boston.	3150.00

IRON FENCES, CHARLESBANK, 1120 lin.ft.

W. A. Snow & Company,	Boston,	$1.28	per ft.	1433.60
Van Dorn Iron Works Co.	Cambridgeport,	1.30	" "	1456.00
Anchor Post Company,	New York,	1.30	" "	1456.00
Pittsburg Bridge Co.	Springfield, Mass.	1.44	" "	1612.80
James Flynn,	Boston,	1.70	" "	1904.00
D. J. Dinn,	Boston,	1.92	" "	2150.40
George T. McLauthlin & Co.	Boston,	2.03	" "	2273.60
James Russell Boiler Works,	Boston,	2.42	" "	2710.40

IRON FENCES, STONY BROOK BRIDGE, 140 lin.ft. and four double gates.

Van Dorn Iron Works Co.	Cambridgeport,	205.00
Anchor Post Company,	New York,	250.00
W. A. Snow & Company,	Boston,	288.00
Pittsburg Bridge Co.	Springfield,	293.80
George T. McLauthlin & Co.	Boston,	365.00
James Flynn.	Boston,	454.00
James Russell Boiler Works,	Boston.	584.00

IRON FENCE, NORTH END BEACH, 184 lin.ft.

Van Dorn Iron Works Co.	Cambridgeport,	1.38	per ft.	253.92
Pittsburg Bridge Co.	Springfield,	1.39	" "	255.76
Anchor Post Company,	New York,	1.40	" "	257.60
W. A. Snow & Company,	Boston,	1.69	" "	310.96
James Flynn.	Boston,	1.70	" "	312.80
George T. McLauthlin & Co.	Boston,	2.15	" "	395.60
James Russell Boiler Works,	Boston,	2.60	" "	478.40

IRON FENCE, COPP'S HILL TERRACES, 396 lin.ft and 705 lin.ft.crestings.

A. Simpson,	Cambridgeport,	0.45 & 1.05	per ft. 733.05

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W. A. Snow & Co.	Boston,	0.68 & 0.98 per ft.	867.48
Pittsburg Bridge Co.	Springfield,	0.65 & 1.03 " "	866.13
Geo.T.McLaughlin & Co.	Boston,	1.12 & 1.32 " "	1312.32

The Superintendent recommended that the coping of the culvert in front of the land of Mrs. Theresa May, on the Arborway, be removed and used for covering the channel upon her land, and that a manhole be cut through the arch, the cost of which work he estimated would not exceed twenty-five dollars, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to do the work in accordance with his recommendation.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to appoint two gardeners from the certified list of the Civil Service.

A communication from Mayor Quincy authorizing the making of a contract with John Williams for iron gates at Arnold Arboretum, without publicly advertising for bids, was received and it was

VOTED, that the proposal of John Williams for furnishing and erecting the iron work for the gates at Arnold Arboretum, for the sum of twenty-eight hundred and fifty dollars, be accepted.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay to Mary Manning, widow of Humphrey Manning, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this department.

A request of L. E. Knott for a permit to run a motor carriage through the parkways, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A hearing to a committee of East Boston Citizens, regarding the completion of Wood Island Park, was fixed for September 21st at 12 M. at the Chairman's office and notice was sent to Mr. James E. Fitzgerald who requested a hearing.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 20, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

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The following letter was received:

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Charles H. Stratton, Esq.,

Chairman.

I find that by the new City Ordinances I ceased to be a Park Commissioner on July 8th. The Mayor now has the right to appoint a "head of department" only to fill a temporary vacancy. This being the case, I can no longer take part in the official acts of the Board. I am sorry to lose this great pleasure.

Yours sincerely

John T. Wheelwright

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to fill the swamp in the glade at Franklin Park, and to remove as many of the inferior willows as he may think necessary or desirable for its improvement.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to grade and loam the gravel pits at Scarboro Hill, the park boundaries along Morton and Canterbury streets, Franklin Park, and the land adjoining Prince and Perkins streets, Jamaica Park, at an estimated cost of twelve thousand dollars.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to make working drawings, and advertise for bids, for a barn at Franklin Park, at an estimated cost of seven thousand dollars.

The Superintendent submitted the request of John W.Bowler, Superintendent of Charlesbank gymnasium, for an increase of salary, which was laid over.

A letter was sent to the Board of Street Commissioners suggesting that the public interests would be better served by the laying out of the triangle, at the junction of Neponset avenue and Freeport street, as a part of the adjoining streets than by continuing it as an open space under the control of this department.

A letter was sent to the Mayor, enclosing a report from the Purchasing Clerk, to the effect that this department is paying the Printing Department more than twice as much for receipt books and balance sheets than other printing-houses would furnish them.

The Chairman reported that he had twice, during the summer, called on Lieut. Colonel Mansfield regarding the restoration of Castle Island to public use as part of the park system, and a

letter was addressed to the Secretary of War requesting information as to when Castle Island will be returned to the custody of the Board.

A request of D. L.Willcutt & Son for renewal of permit for the use of the sidewalk and road on Boylston street and the Fenway, was received and the Secretary was authorized to extend the same until December 31, on condition that the sidewalk be laid within ten days and be kept open for public travel.

A communication from the Chairman of Police relating to reports of "occurrences of interest" on the parks since July 7th, also communication from George R. King relating to order for foreign photographs, were received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting the erection of an iron fence along the easterly side of Charlesbank, was received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting the erection of a flagstaff at Charlesbank, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Bath Department relating to the condition of the piers, and enclosing bills for work done at North End Park and Wood Island Park, were received and placed on file, and the bills were referred to the Superintendent for examination and report.

The Mayor's circular, directing the closing of public offices at 12 M on September 21, in honor of the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and directing that all employees whose services can be dispensed with be given a half holiday, and that all persons intending to take part in the parade be given a whole holiday, without loss of pay, was received and it was

VOTED, that all employees of this department whose services can be dispensed with, be given a half holiday on Wednesday, September 21.

A request of the Superintendent of Streets for the soundings before and after the dredging in Back Bay Fens, which are made the basis of Engineer Putnam's figures, was received and referred to Mr.Putnam to confer with the engineers of the Sewer Division and furnish the Street Department the information wanted.

Sundry requests for the loan of photographs of the park system, for reproduction, were received and referred to the Secretary.

A communication was received from Ebenezer W. Bumstead tender-

ing his resignation from the department, and it was

VOTED, to accept the resignation to take effect October 20th.

VOTED, that the plan for proposed drainage of surface water into Muddy river at Brookline avenue, and extension of sewer to the Brookline line, this day received from the Street Department, be approved in its general form, in accordance with the agreement referred to in the vote of this Board of June 27, 1898, which limits the right of maintaining surface drainage into Muddy river to one year, and that the Secretary issue permits for doing the work, in accordance with said plan, subject to such modification of line and location of man-holes as the Superintendent may designate.

VOTED, that the drive constructed along the west shore of Jamaica pond, from Perkins to Prince streets, be named Francis Parkman Road in honor of the historian whose dwelling and garden were at this place.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be directed to erect signs to designate the said road.

VOTED, that the bids of W. A. Snow and Company, for erecting fences at Charles Bank and Copp's Hill Terraces, and of the Van Dorn Iron Works Company for erecting fence at North End Beach and fence and gates at Stony Brook bridge, be accepted.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

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A hearing was given at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, to a committee of the Central Labor Union regarding its protest against uniforming the park employees. The committee said that none of them were employed by the Park Department, but were the regular committee of the Union appointed to attend to such matters. They said they had a unanimous protest of the Park Department organization to the placing of the men in uniform. The Central Labor Union objected, in the first place, because it was an extra expense to the men, secondly, because they had to buy the uniforms of Mr. Shuman who was boycotted by the Labor Union, and, in the third place, they took the ground

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that it was un-American to make the men wear a certain kind of clothing and that it rendered them liable to misrepresentation if they met with accidents or to being spied upon by officious citizens.

The Commissioners said that they would take the matter under further consideration, that they had no desire to add to the expense of the employees, and that they desired a copy of the protest of the organization of Park Department employees referred to by the Committee, who promised to send the same to the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 26, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Robert T. Edes regarding the boat service at Jamaica pond was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A letter was received from the Mayor consenting to the making of a contract with the Boston Bridge Works without advertising, and it was

VOTED, that the bid of the Boston Bridge Works for building an iron foot bridge at Wood Island Park for twenty-eight hundred and fifty dollars be accepted.

It was also

VOTED, to accept the proposition of the Boston Bridge Works to furnish and erect four lamp posts for the bridge for the sum of sixty-five dollars.

A request of the Outdoor Recreation League of New York for photographs of park athletic grounds, to be used in illustrating lectures to be given in the public schools, was received and referred to the Secretary.

A copy of a resolution of the Central Labor Union requesting that union men be given work in the winter months in preference to non-union men, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Brookline Park Commissioners sug-

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gesting that the contract for constructing Longwood avenue bridge be modified in the interest of the contractors by reducing the amount of percentage retained one half, was received and referred to the Superintendent to confer with the Town Engineer and report to the Board.

The request of John W. Bowler for increase of salary was taken from the table and referred to the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 29, 1898.

A hearing was given by the Board to A Committee of Citizens of East Boston, on the request of Mr. James E.Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald was the principal speaker. He stated that for many years the preceding Boards had neglected Wood Island Park although it was one of the first parks purchased. The Committee desired the Board to put Neptune Road in good condition and to consider taking Prescott street as a parkway, also to make access to the bath houses easier, to construct a shelter and to build the driveway originally planned by Mr.Olmsted. The Committee presented a petition from many citizens asking for a public hearing, but the Committee acceded to the Board's view that to-day's hearing was preferable.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, OCTOBER 3, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted the application of the West India Cricket Club for a location at Franklin Field for the use of

the Club for the season of 1899, recommending that they be given the crease formerly occupied by the Zingari Club which is now vacant, and it was

VOTED, that the West India Cricket Club be permitted to use the grounds at Franklin Field lately occupied by the Zingari Cricket Club, during the season of 1899, for the purpose of playing cricket, subject to revocation by the Board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of Dr. Robert T. Edes that the boatman was absent two or three days from Jamaica Pond, storing boats from the Pens, and that hereafter a man will be on duty, on good days, during this month.

A communication from the Mayor, enclosing a report from the Superintendent of Printing regarding charges for printing work done for this department, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Suburban Light and Power Company regarding charges against this department for electric light service at the Franklin Park refectory, and offering to compromise the same for fifty per cent. of their claim, was received and it was

VOTED, to accept the offer and allow the bill accordingly.

On the application of J. W. Bowler for an increase of salary from twelve hundred to fifteen hundred dollars, the Superintendent recommended that a four month's vacation be given to each athletic instructor in lieu of an increase of salary, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent's recommendation be adopted.

A request of E. S. Dorr, Engineer Sewer Division, for permission to raise the sewer in the parkway at Francis street two feet and to drive piles in accordance with detailed plan submitted, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relating to filling the Strandway and suggesting a conference with the City Engineer regarding the grading of the slopes, was referred to Mr. Pratt and the Superintendent.

A report of the Sewer Division of the Street Department on sizes and grades of surface water conduit, West Roxbury Parkway, was received and placed on file.

A copy of the record of the President and Fellows of Harvard College approving amendments to the rules governing the use of Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park, was received and placed on file.

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A communication from Henry W. Swift calling attention to the condition of the bridle path under the railway viaduct at Forest Hills, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

An order of the Common Council, requesting that an open-air gymnasium be established at Franklin Field, was received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting that a foot-ball field be laid out on the Christopher Gibson Playground, was received and the Superintendent was directed to lay out the grounds as requested in the order.

A report from the Police Department of "occurrences of interest" in the parks, from July 7th to September 28, 1898, was received and placed on file.

A communication from John A. Stetson, Commodore Boston Yacht Club, regarding locker buildings, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A petition from Robert T. Edes and others that permission be given the Jogalong Athletic Association to use the green at the head of Orchard street for the practice of foot-ball, was received and permission refused.

Mayor's circular giving notice of the appointment of Nathaniel G. Robinson as Mayor's Secretary, also extract from Revised Ordinances concerning office hours, were received and placed on file.

A communication from H. P. Cottle relating to telephone service at City Hall and Pine Bank, also letters from the Boston Bridge Works regarding contract for Wood Island Park bridge, and from B. Kidder commending the plan for increasing playground facilities at Charlesbank were received and placed on file.

Mr. J. W. Pierce came before the Board and asked the Board to consider the purchase of the land adjoining the Chestnut Hill Reservoir property and between it and the Newton Circuit Railroad, with a view to adding it to the Reservoir grounds. The Commissioners replied that as the land was partly outside the City limits they would have no right to take it for park purposes and suggested that Mr. Pierce see the Water Commissioner.

VOTED, to build a bulkhead in Charles river immediately within the Harbor Commissioners' line, on the northerly side of the Charlesgate, with a view to carrying out the plan of treatment substantially as recommended by Mr. Olmsted, and that the Superintendent be requested to report what modifications of the plan he considers desirable.

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A communication from the Corporation Counsel regarding a form of contract which he had drawn as being advantageous for use in City work, was received and referred to the Secretary to confer with Mr.Bailey in the matter.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, OCTOBER 11, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt,also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent stated that he had conferred with the City Engineer regarding the slopes proposed to be made in filling the Strandway for the construction of Columbia Road,and submitted a plan of cross sections near I street which he said was satisfactory to the City Engineer. It was thereupon

VOTED, that the plan of cross sections for Columbia Road Beach, dated October 8, 1898, be approved.

A set of plans for the South Boston Yacht Club building were received from the architects, Messrs Maginnis, Walsh & Sullivan, and referred to Professor Chandler, Consulting Architect Engineering Department.

A communication from the City Solicitor recommending a settlement of the cases of Sarah E. Pratt for damages for land taken for Neponset Playground, was received and laid over.

Communications from Reginald Foster complaining of the condition in which the walk has been left in front of his house on the Fenway, and from Henry W. Smith relating to claim against C. J. Donovan for piles used in the construction of the Strandway, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request of the Massachusetts Division of the League of American Wheelmen,that electric lights be placed along the road in Franklin Park,between the Playstead and Forest Hills entrance, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Bath Commissioners requesting that the services of the two instructors at the East Boston gymnasium

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be provided for by this Department until February 1, 1899; also giving notice of the closing of Wood Island Park bath house and requesting that arrangements be made for the North End Beach for the winter season, was received and referred to the Superintendent to confer with the Bath Commissioners.

A communication from the Secretary of War stating that Castle Island cannot be returned to the care of the Park Department until the work of unloading the mines is completed, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Street Commissioners accompanying plans of lines drawn upon Forest Hills street and Canterbury street, showing a widening the Board desires to make within park limits, was received and a reply was made suggesting a conference to look over the matter on the ground.

A communication from the trustees of the Boston Water Power Company relative to an agreement for restrictions of set-back on park frontages between Boylston Road, at its junction with Boylston street, and Boylston Road at its junction with Brookline avenue, and stating that Mr. E. A. Nickerson will join in said restrictions if the City will convey to him a strip of land at the northwesterly junction of Peterboro street and Audubon Road, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Streets relative to lighting Dorchesterway, and suggesting that the matter be called to the attention of the Lamp Department. The Secretary stated that this had been done and the letter was placed on file.

A communication from the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad, acknowledging receipt of letter relating to the construction of Prescott-street bridge and stating that the matter will be presented to the Directors at their next meeting, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Massachusetts Emergency & Hygiene Association relating to arrangements for winter classes at Charlesbank, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

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A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a letter from the Engineer of the Metropolitan Water Board requesting that they be permitted to raise the iron covers of the valves on the water pipes, in the Arborway, to the level of the bridle path, and the Superintendent was directed to reply that the Board considers it unwise to raise the valve covers in the manner proposed.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of a Committee of the Massachusetts Emergency & Hygiene Association, which was referred to him at the last meeting, recommending that the request of the Committee be granted so far as to permit of the holding of classes four evenings per week, from November 1 to April 1, and the employment of an additional instructor. It was thereupon,

VOTED, that the Massachusetts Emergency & Hygiene Association be authorized to engage an additional instructor, for evening classes at Charlesbank, at a cost of thirty dollars per month.

The Superintendent submitted a partial report on the communication of the Bath Commissioners, referred to him at the last meeting, and the matter was left in his hands for further conference with the Bath Commissioners.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be instructed to arrange for the lighting of the driveway in Franklin Park, between Forest Hills Bridge and the Valley Gate.

A communication from Messrs Hartwell, Richardson & Driver, with accompanying plan for High School Building, Dorchester, with request for approval of building above seventy feet in height, in accordance with chapter 379 of the Acts of 1897, was received and it was

VOTED, that the elevations above seventy feet, as shown on said plan and described in the accompanying communication, for High School Building, Dorchester, Mass., submitted by Hartwell, Richardson & Driver, be approved.

An order of the Common Council requesting that foot-ball practice be allowed on Charlestown Heights, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Street Commissioners suggesting

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Wednesday afternoon, October 19th, at 3 o'clock, for conference with the Park Commissioners on the ground, to look over the lines of Forest Hills and Canterbury streets, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from the American Mason Safety Tread Company, relating to estimates for safety treads for Prescott-street bridge, was received and laid over.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel with regard to the interpretation of chapter 540 of the Acts of 1898, and to the power of the Board to regulate advertisements thereunder, also regarding the appropriation of the proceeds of land sold under authority of chapter 411 of the Acts of 1890. The matter was referred to the Secretary to draw up a form for regulating advertisements.

The Superintendent submitted a report in the matter of uniforms, recommending that the Department bear one half the cost of uniforming its employees, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to settle with the men who have been put in uniform on the basis of fifty per cent. of the cost of the uniforms, and to furnish the uniforms hereafter on the same terms.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, OCTOBER 24, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from John H. Storer relating to release of land to G. A. Nickerson, corner Peterboro street and Audubon Road, on certain conditions, was received and referred to the Secretary to confer with the Corporation Counsel regarding the authority of the Board to enter into the proposed arrangement with Mr. Nickerson.

A request of the West End Street Railway Company for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Columbia Road,

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also to establish and maintain the overhead, single trolley electric system of motor power, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of L. E. Bow for additional bath houses, improvement of the beach and the addition of a few lights in the vicinity of the Head House, Marine Park; also bill for children's bathing and expenses chargeable to the City under the lease of the Head House, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from L. E. Bow enclosing bill for legal services in the matter of the Franklin Park refectory lease, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board cannot approve the bill for payment by the City.

A further communication from the City Solicitor with reference to the settlement of the case of Sarah E. Pratt, was received and laid on the table.

A communication from Robert T. Edes relating to the withdrawal of boats from Jamaica Pond, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

An acknowledgment from Arthur M. Peck, Secretary Mass.Division League of American Wheelmen, of the action of the Board in arranging for the lighting of the roadway in Franklin Park,was received and placed on file.

A request of J. P. C. Winship for documents referring to park work in Brighton, to be used in a history of Brighton, was received and referred to the Secretary.

VOTED, that an offer of twenty cents per foot,be made to the East Boston Company,for the land occupied by the Wood Island station of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad.

The Superintendent submitted a further report on the communication of the Bath Department, recommending the transfer of James L. Walsh from Wood Island Park to the Paris Street Gymnasium, at a salary of $125 per month, the Park Department to assume one half the advance in salary the present winter. The Superintendent also recommended the giving of a four month's vacation to Mr.Bowler in lieu of an advance in salary. It was thereupon

VOTED, that the vote of October 3, 1898, adopting the recommendation of the Superintendent that a four month's vacation be given each athletic instructor in lieu of an increase of salary, be rescinded.

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VOTED, that the salary of James L. Walsh be increased from twelve hundred to fifteen hundred dollars per annum, from October 18,1898, and John W. Bowler be given a four month's vacation, without loss of pay, beginning in November; subject to the Mayor's approval.

The Superintendent reported,in regard to the order of the Common Council requesting the Board to allow foot-ball practice on Charlestown Heights, that he had granted permission under the condition that if the grass is damaged seriously the permit will be cancelled.

A communication was received from Professor F. W. Chandler, Consulting Architect of the Engineering Department, recommending the approval of the plans of the South Boston Yacht Club building, and it was

VOTED, that the plans of the South Boston Yacht Club buildings, submitted by Messrs Maginnis, Walsh and Sullivan, be approved,and that the Chairman endorse said approval on the plans.

The following bids for building a stable at Franklin Park were received:

C. A. Dodge & Co.	Boston.	$4700 without plumbing
Gifford & Lawrence,	"	4710
D.J.Donovan's Sons,	"	4880
W.A.& H.A.Root,	"	5106
Cullen Brothers,	"	5122
John McNamara & Sons,	"	5135
William J. Hatch,	"	5340
John J. Flynn,	"	5339
P. D. Mealey & Company,	"	5497
Thomas E. Johns,	"	5661
Johnson Brothers,	"	5700
W. H. Keyes & Co.	"	5700
Norcee Brothers,	"	5905
William T. Eaton,	"	5990
Thomas F.Broderick,	"	6450

The bids of Gifford & Lawrence, C. A. Dodge & Company,and Cullen Brothers were thrown out, as the checks submitted were not certified. The bids were taken under advisement,and subsequently,by agreement of the Commissioners, the bids were rejected and a re-advertisement ordered, omitting plumbing from the specifications, the new bids to be received October 31,1898.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, OCTOBER 31, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt,also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for building a stable in Franklin Park were received and taker under advisement:

Thomas F. Broderick,	Boston.	$4475
W.A. & H.A.Root,	"	4590
John McNamara & Sons,	"	4617
C. A. Dodge & Co.	"	4621
Gifford & Lawrence,	"	4625
Wilbur J. Hatch,	"	4865
Horsee Brothers,	"	4975
M. D. Mealey & Co.	"	5100

The Secretary reported that the Corporation Counsel held that the proposition of Mr.Nickerson to do certain work in return for the release of the lot of land at the junction of Peterborough street and Audubon Road, submitted by Mr.Storer in his letter of October 21, 1898, would not fulfil the requirements of the statute authorizing the sale of the land.

A petition for leave to erect and maintain poles on Franklin Park along the line of Seaver street was received from the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and a communication was sent to the Corporation Counsel asking whether a railroad can be laid over Seaver street without the approval of this Board.

A communication was sent to the City Auditor regarding the disposition of the proceeds from the sales of Seaver street lands.

A communication was received from A. W. Longfellow Jr.stating that his estimate for the public landing shelter on the Strandway, according to present plans, is $13,500. The matter was laid over to the next meeting and Mr.Longfellow invited to be present.

Executive circular Number 48, requesting a list of officers or employees who were given leave of absence to serve in the army or navy, during the late war with Spain, was received and placed on file, the Superintendent stating that none of the men had served in the war.

A communication from the East Boston Company,stating that they are informed that the Board of Street Commissioners are awaiting a reply from this Board regarding the construction of

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a sewer in Neptune Road, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Superintendent of Lamps agreeing to furnish light for the driveway in Franklin Park, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Bath Commissioners accepting the transfer of James L. Walsh, instructor at Wood Island Park, to the East Boston Gymnasium, under the arrangements agreed upon and reported by the Superintendent at the last meeting, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Edward O'Donnell in relation to a resolution of the Central Labor Union, was received and a reply was made regarding the policy pursued by the Department in making suspensions.

A request of Andrew Rinker for park views, from which lantern slides can be made, was received and referred to the Secretary.

VOTED, by virtue of and in the exercise of the power conferred upon this Board by chapter 452 of the Acts of the year 1898, that the sculptured ornaments erected on the building situated at the corner of St.James avenue and Trinity place, known as the Westminster Chambers, above the height of ninety feet, as shown in the plans thereof submitted to the Board and in the building as now erected, be and the same are hereby approved.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 2, 1898.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at No.8 Park street, Boston, at 1 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew.

A communication was received from D. J. Donovan's Sons asking that they be awarded the contract for building a stable, at Franklin Park, under the bids which closed October 24, 1898.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the ability of W.A. & H.A.Root to do the work, recommending that the contract be given to them.

VOTED, that the bid of Thomas F. Broderick, for building a

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stable at Franklin Park, received October 31st under the readvertisement of the contract, be rejected, and the contract awarded to W.A.& H.A.Foot.

The names of J. A. Kohl and William Smith were accepted as bondsmen, and it was

VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract.

The Board, in company with the Street Commissioners, visited Franklin Park in reference to the request of the latter Board for approval of plans for widening Forest Hills and Canterbury streets. A visit was also made to the Arboretum, and the attention of the Street Commissioners called to the desirability of raising the grade of Mendum and Fairview streets, to improve the grade of the entrance to Peters Hill from the junction of these streets.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, NOVEMBER 7, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the United States Engineer office relating to admitting the public to Castle Island, was received and a further inquiry was made as to when the care of the Island will be restored to this Department.

A communication from the Mayor approving of the increase of salary of James L. Walsh, and the granting of four months' vacation to J. W. Bowler, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the bond of the City Trust, Safe Deposit and Surety Company of Philadelphia be accepted, under the contract with the Boston Bridge Works, and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract.

Executive circular number 49 directing that half-holidays be allowed all men in the employ of the City on the days of the State and City elections, without loss of pay, as part compensation for their services, was received and it was

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VOTED, that the usual half-holiday be granted to the men in this Department, in accordance with the Mayor's request.

A request of Charles Pottler to place a small building on Franklin Field, for use in sharpening and repairing skates, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from A. G. Baxter, calling attention to the condition of the bridle path from Pond street to the hill near the railroad crossing, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Margaret Morris, widow of John Morris, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

The Superintendent was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for building a wall on Prince and Perkins streets, where foundations are now being built, also for building a wall on the Beaver-street side of Franklin Park.

The Superintendent was authorized to fill the hole on Peters Hill drive, where Bussey street will cross, to permit of its connection with South street.

A report was received from the Superintendent on the account of receipts of Mr. Dow at the Head House, Marine Park, recommending that additional cash registers be provided and that he make daily returns to this Department of the reading of each register. The report was placed on file and the matter of additional cash registers was referred to the Superintendent.

A conference was held with Mr. Longfellow regarding the plans for the public landing shelter at Q street, on the Strandway, and the plans were laid over for further consideration.

A communication from Charles F. Samuels stating that the name of the West India Cricket Club had been changed to Suffolk Cricket Club, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, to approve the plans of the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club house, dated November 5, 1898.

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BOSTON NOVEMBER 14, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

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The Superintendent submitted a report from the Engineer regarding the location of poles in Franklin Park to carry the wires of the electric railway on Seaver street. The Chairman stated that he had written to the Boston Elevated Railway Company, November 8, in reference to the matter and was awaiting its reply.

A communication from the Corporation Counsel, in reply to the request for his opinion whether a railroad can be laid over Seaver street without the approval of the Board, was received and placed on file.

A vote of the Committee on Claims regarding the settlement of the claim of Thomas Donnelly for injuries received while in the employ of the Park Department, referred by the Mayor, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent was directed to tear down the stable at Pine Bank, and to begin the construction of the sheds authorized by vote of the Board of December 6, 1897.

The Superintendent was authorized to advertise for proposals for bulkhead and filling at Charles river in the Fens, and for building a wall on Prince and Perkins streets, Jamaica Park.

A communication was sent to the Mayor, in answer to his inquiry of November 7th, regarding the rejection of the bid of D. J. Donovan's Sons for erecting a stable at Franklin Park.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Katherine McDonald, widow of John McDonald 2nd, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets stating that the Q-street sewer matter will have attention, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets approving the proposed change of grade on Bussey street, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Col. Charles E. Suter, U.S.A., relating to the unloading of mines at Castle Island, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Police Department stating that an officer has been detailed for night duty at North End Beach, was received and placed on file.

A petition, requesting that the easterly portion of the Fenway leading to Boylston street be widened to thirty-five feet, that the curbing and southwest end of open plot abutting thereon be

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changed in such a manner as to make a round curve, and that the shrubbery be removed, was received from the abutters on the Fenway and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Mr.Bow came before the Board and stated that the agreement with Mr.Wheelwright provided that the Board would allow three cents for each child bather, in the final settlement under the lease, if he reduced the price of bathing for children to five cents. It was thereupon

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to L. P. Bow the sum of three hundred and ninety-five and 63/100 dollars in settlement of all sums due him for lighting and heating under the lease of the Head House, and for children's bathing under his agreement with the Board.

Mr. W. G. Benedict came before the Board and submitted a plan for the shelter to be erected in connection with the public landing on the Strandway at Q street. The Commissioners said that they would take the plan under consideration.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 21, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt,also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a cross section of proposed wall on Beaver street, showing location of trolley poles, and the plan submitted by the Boston Elevated Railway Company,of proposed location of poles in Franklin Park, was referred to the Superintendent regarding any changes in location made necessary by the construction of the wall.

A request of the Metropolitan Park Commission for the concurrence of this Board in a taking from Eben D. Jordan,et.als.,for the Charles River Reservation, was received and it was

VOTED, to concur in said taking, said concurrence being endorsed on the papers submitted by the Metropolitan Park Commission.

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A request of the trustees of the Boston Water Power Company, and others, for the establishment of a building line on Boylston Road and Charlesgate West, between Ipswich street at its junction with Boylston street and Ipswich street at its junction with Charlesgate West, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from Mrs. James T. Fields calling attention to an extract in the report of the Associated Charities for 1898, relating to the need of a playground at the South End, was received and placed on file.

A request of Messrs Maginnis, Walsh & Sullivan that arrangements be made for their contractor to enter upon the site of the South Boston Yacht Club, to complete his contract for building the club house, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Communications from Andrew J. Sullivan regarding the location of the fence between his land and Franklin Field, and from Laurence Curtis calling attention to the danger to drivers and bicycle riders, caused by the electric light in the open space at the Back Bay Fens near Commonwealth avenue, were received and referred to the Chairman.

VOTED, that Charles Fottler be granted permission to sharpen skates and sell skates and skate straps at Franklin Field, for the coming season, under the supervision of the Superintendent.

A communication from the Board of Police relating to the report of an accident caused by a motor carriage in the Fenway, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Civil Service Commission relating to clerical service, was received and referred to the Secretary.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON NOVEMBER 28, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 12 M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent recommended that Edward Carty be promoted from the position of stableboy to that of teamster, under Civil

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Service rules, also that Mr.Howard of the Engineering force be permitted to use one of the attic rooms at Pine Bank as a sleeping room, as a matter of protection to the building, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent's recommendations be adopted.

A communication from the City Solicitor relating to a settlement of the cases of Moen Bacon, petitioner for reduction of betterment on Prince street, and Sarah E. Pratt for land damages for Wenonset Playground, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the suit of Moen Bacon for betterment assessment numbered 70 on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, on the basis of fifty per cent.of the amount of betterment assessed, without interest.

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the cases of Sarah E. Pratt et.al.for damages for three parcels of land taken for Wenonset Playground, containing 254,448 square feet, for the sum of six thousand four hundred and sixty-nine and 78/100 dollars, without interest.

Communications from the Fire Commissioner relating to fire hydrants in the parks, and from Councilman James F.Mulcahy,in behalf of Michael J.McSolla.offering to furnish manure at Marine Park or elsewhere, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from William A. Gaston, President Boston Elevated Railway Company, enclosing petition,accompanied by plans, for leave to construct,maintain and use a double track on that part of Seaver street adjoining Franklin Park, also to establish and maintain the overhead trolley electric system, was received and it was

VOTED, that permission be and it is hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company to construct, maintain and use a double track upon the surface of Seaver street in Franklin Park, with suitable curves, cross-overs, and connections connecting with the existing tracks of said Company at either end, and at Humboldt avenue, also to erect poles in said Seaver street and in Franklin Park, all substantially as shown on plans of A. L. Plimpton, dated February 21, 1898, and filed with its petition for this permit.

Also to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operations of its cars on said tracks, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the poles,wires,

appliances, and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of said street necessary for said purpose.

Said Company shall keep its tracks, poles, wires and the surface of the roadway, between its tracks and two feet on either side thereof, in good condition, satisfactory to the Park Commissioners; shall place all feed wires under the surface of the ground; shall not suffer or permit any person to place or keep wires on said poles or upon the fixtures thereto affixed without permission being first obtained in writing from this Board; shall not remove the tracks or poles located under this permit until and shall remove them when directed by this Board so to do; and that in continued violation of any of the foregoing requirements, after notice, said Board may remove said tracks or poles at the expense of said Company.

All work done under this permit shall be done to the satisfaction of the Board of Park Commissioners.

No work shall be done under this permit until said Company shall furnish a bond for twenty thousand dollars with surety, in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, conditioned to save the City harmless from any loss, cost or damage in any way arising from the privileges granted by this permit and any work to be done thereunder, and to fulfil its obligations under the provisions of this permit.

The Superintendent submitted a letter from President Gilbert, of the Boston Electric Light Company, suggesting that the matter of electric lights in Dorchesterway wait for a decision of the question of allowing poles for the joint use of all companies in Columbia Road, together with a report on the matter, and the letter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication was received from the Mayor, enclosing a letter from the Chief of the Repair Division regarding the measurement of lumber used at Wood Island Park, and the prices charged for the same. A letter was also received from Professor Chandler regarding the appointment of an expert to measure the lumber, and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

A communication was received from the President of the Forest Hills Cemetery Association, requesting permission to place a sign at the junction of Forest Hills street and the traffic road leading to the Cemetery entrance, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, DECEMBER 5, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications from Mayor Quincy of December 3 and 5, relating to complaints of the Central Labor Union concerning the arrangement made with the labor force regarding the noon hour, and the wages of John Johnson, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Corporation Counsel regarding the question whether Chestnut Hill Reservoir grounds, transferred from the Water Department, are subject to the provisions of chapter 185 of the acts of 1875, also as to whether a sale of any of said land can be made under existing laws, was received and placed on file.

A communication from John H. Storer, trustee Boston Water Power Company, relating to restrictions on land on Boylston Road and Morlesgate West, was received and referred to the Secretary.

A communication from Henry Parkman requesting a statement as to how the money subscribed for the Commonwealth Avenue Fund is expended, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A statement from James P. McShane of the receipts from the Franklin Park refectory the past season, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

An order of the Common Council requesting that Mystic Playground be flooded for skating, referred by the Mayor to this Board, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Laurence Curtis, calling attention to the danger from concealment of the curb by snow in vicinity of the electric light pole at the entrance to the Back Bay Fens, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from George W. Brown calling attention to the fact that the snow on the south side of Columbia Road, from Seaver street to Washington street, had not been cleared, was received and referred to the Superintendent of Streets.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay to Ellen Moore, heir at law of John Dolan, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

A request of the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club for amendment of its lease, to provide for an extension of time for the completion of its building, was received and referred to the Secretary.

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VOTED, that the regular meetings of the Board, on the last Monday of each month, and such other times as the Board may find it convenient, be held at the office 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P. M., and that office hours be maintained there on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 to 4 P.M.

A communication from Henry W. Lamb offering suggestions regarding the playing of golf in Franklin Park, and the care of the links, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The following bids for bulkhead and filling in Charles river, and for walls at Franklin and Jamaica Parks were received and taken under advisement:

BULKHEAD & FILLING AT CHARLESGATE.

		Bulkhead.	Filling. per cu.yd.	Total.
Perkins & White	Boston.	$4,375.00	$0.51	$13,555.00
J. T. Hurley,	Melrose,	4,583.00	0.59	15,203.00
W. L. Miller,	Boston.	4,995.00	0.57	15,255.00
Johnston, Harries & Lettemey,	Boston,	5,000.00	0.65	17,600.00

WALL IN JAMAICA PARK:

D. F. O'Connell,	Boston,	1.70 per lin.ft.
John Sutherland,	"	1.81 " " "
Michael Russo & Co.	"	1.95 " " "
Woodbury & Leighton,	"	1.95 " " "
William L.Miller & Co."		2.24 " " "
J. A. Whittemore's Sons,	Boston.	2.24 " " "
Cogan Bros.& Forschner,	Atlantic, Mass.	2.25 " " "
G. B. Dugad & Co.	Boston,	2.33 " " "
Robert L. Barrett,	"	2.35 " " "
W. B. Cass,	Exeter, N. H.	2.37 " " "
Mc Hale & Quinn.	Boston,	2.39 " " "
Thomas F. Welch,	"	2.63 " " "
Charles H. Dodge,	"	2.93 " " "
J. C. Coleman & Sons,	"	3.00 " " "

WALL IN FRANKLIN PARK:

J. A. Whittemore's Sons,	Boston,	1.74 " " "
John Sutherland,	"	1.79 " " "
D. F. O'Connell,	"	1.95 " " "
Woodbury & Leighton,	"	1.95 " " "
William L. Miller & Co.	"	2.24 " " "
Cogan Bros. & Forschner,	Atlantic, Mass.	2.25 " " "
Michael Russo & Co.	Boston,	2.30 " " "
Robert L. Barrett,	"	2.35 " " "

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McHale & Quinn,	Boston,	2.54 per lin.ft.
W. P. Cass,	Exeter N. H.	2.57 " " "
Charles M. Dodge,	Boston,	2.93 " " "
J. C. Coleman & Sons,	"	3.00 " " "

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BOSTON, DECEMBER 12, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a proposal from the Lynn Stall Company to equip the stable at Franklin Park with their system of floors and drainage, for $375.00, and the matter was laid over to permit the Broad Gauge Iron Works Company to submit a bid.

A petition from Francis P. Sprague and others, that motor carriages be not allowed in the parks, was received and placed on file.

Mr. W. E. Gilmore, representing the Puritan Canoe Club, submitted plans of their proposed Club House for approval. The plans were taken under advisement and subsequently referred to Professor Chandler.

Mr. John J. Flynn came before the Board with reference to his bill for insurance and extra painting at the Franklin Park refectory, the latter claim being based on the verdict given in the Superior Court to his sub-contractor, Frank Lyons, April 4,1898. The matter was taken under consideration.

The Mayor held a conference with the Board regarding various sites for proposed playgrounds.

A notice of expiration of insurance on Ellicott Cottage, Franklin Park, was received from Julius Pratt, and the Secretary was directed to renew the same.

A communication was received from Messrs Maginnis, Walsh and Sullivan, complaining of the annoyance and delay experienced by the contractor for erecting the South Boston Yacht Club house,

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from the failure of S. J. Donovan to complete the work under his contract on the Strandway. The Superintendent reported that the work was not being prosecuted in a vigorous manner, and submitted a plan for a modification of the contract providing for the discontinuance of work east of the westerly line of the South Boston Yacht Club site. The plan was approved and a formal notice to conform to the change of plan was drawn, after consultation with the Corporation Counsel, and sent to Mr.Donovan.

The Superintendent recommended that the contract be awarded to D. F. O'Connell,for building the wall at Jamaica Park, with the understanding that seam faced Roxbury stone would be furnished, and it was

VOTED, that the contract for building a wall at Jamaica Park be awarded to D. F. O'Connell,with the understanding that seam faced Roxbury stone will be furnished, and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract.

Preliminary plans for widening Forest Hills street and showing changes in the grade of Hendum and Fairview streets, West Roxbury, were received from the Board of Street Commissioners and approved.

A communication from Wheelwright & Haven approving bill of John Evans & Company for sgraffito work at the Head House, Marine Park, with a suggestion regarding shutters,was received and the matter of shutters was referred to the Superintendent.

Communications from Mrs. James T. Fields, secretary of the Associated Charities, calling attention to the lack of playgrounds at the South End and the desirability of taking the land on either side of Fabin street, also from Forbes Lithograph Co. requesting additional signs to utilize the balance of plates on hand, were received and placed on file.

Mayor's Circular number 51, calling for estimates for the next fiscal year, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent reported estimates for maintenance, aggregating $135,000, which were approved.

VOTED, that in consideration of the fact that Castle Island was closed during the past season, the exclusive right granted Antonio Gregori,to maintain refreshment privileges on the Island, be extended for an additional year from the date of the termination of said right.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to place the men on half time for the present.

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BOSTON, DECEMBER 19, 1893.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Professor Charles S. Sargent stated that the construction of Longwood bridge had so far proceeded as to require the approaches to be laid out, which was to be done separately by the City and Town, and asked that a plan and estimate of cost for the walk, of which the Town agreed to pay one half the cost, be prepared so that the matter could be adjusted.

VOTED, that the Superintendent prepare a plan and estimate of cost of the pathway adjoining the southerly side of Longwood bridge.

The Secretary was instructed to ask Mr. I. P. Clarke to submit a proposition for the settlement of his damages, for the relocation and widening of Longwood avenue on his estate.

The Superintendent submitted a recommendation regarding winter suits for the uniformed employees, and the matter was referred to him to secure competitive prices on the suits.

The Superintendent reported on the question of the division fence between Franklin Field and land of A. J. Sullivan, and others, that a possible error was made in locating the fence, which can only be determined by a survey, and that it can be shifted in the spring if found to encroach upon their land. A communication to this effect was sent to Mr. Sullivan.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to build foundations for walls on Forest Hills street, from the traffic road to a point opposite Williams street; also to make a plan for the reconstruction of the wall along the Centre street boundary of the Arboretum.

VOTED, that the Superintendent prepare plans and estimates for completing the Strandway outside of Columbia Road.

A request of the Committee on Claims for a settlement of the claim of Thomas Donnelly for injuries received while in the employ of the Park Department, with the endorsement of City Solicitor Babson and request of Mayor Quincy that a draft be drawn against the reserved fund for said amount, was received and laid over.

A communication from the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club regarding an extension of time for the erection of its building, was received and it was

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VOTED, that if the building to be erected on the site, on the Strandway, leased to the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club, shall be completed before March 1, 1899, it shall be deemed to have been completed within the time required in the lease.

A letter from W. H. Woodsum offering for sale two bound volumes of views of country estates in England, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A report of inspection of electrical apparatus at Wood Island Park, by the Electrical Construction Division, was received and placed on file.

A communication from J. A. Whittemore's Sons regarding award of contract for building a wall at Franklin Park, was received and the matter was laid over for further consideration.

The claim of John J. Flynn for extra cost of insurance and painting, in connection with his contract for building the Franklin Park refectory, was taken from the table and referred to Mr. Pratt.

On the petition of S. V. R. Thayer and others, in regard to the easterly branch of the Fenway adjoining Boylston Entrance, it was

VOTED, to widen the sidewalk in this locality to fifteen feet, and the roadbed to thirty feet, provided the abutters will pay the cost of these widenings.

VOTED, that Wheelwright & Haven be requested to prepare, at their earliest convenience, a plan for the treatment of the ground north of Beacon street, between Charlesgate East and Charlesgate West, and to confer with Professor Charles S. Sargent regarding the same.

The Superintendent reported that it was impracticable to provide for skating at Mystic Playground, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to provide for skating at Charlestown Playground.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, DECEMBER 28, 1898.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew.

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Messrs Whitney and Sellew from the Surveying Division of the Engineering Department, and City Conveyancer Day came before the Board and reported the result of their examination of the deeds from the Boston Water Power Company to the City, and the various plans, filed in the Registry of Deeds, bearing upon the location of the westerly line of the Fens, between the Boston & Albany Railroad and Boylston street. Mr. Day stated that, on the facts submitted by the surveyors, he recommended that the line conveying the largest area of land be adopted for locating the permanent stone bounds, and the Board directed the line to be so located.

Mr. A. W. Longfellow Jr. conferred with the Board regarding the plans for the shelter at the public landing on Q street.

Professor Charles S. Sargent conferred with the Board regarding the construction of walls at the Arboretum.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to advertise for bids for construction of the Arboretum wall, between Centre street entrance and the new wall at Walter street.

VOTED, that the Superintendent prepare plans and specifications, and advertise for bids, for the construction of a boundary wall on Forest Hills street, between Williams street and the Arborway, including returns to the Forest Hills bridge; the contractors to use such stone from Glen Road wall as may be suitable for the purpose.

VOTED, that the Superintendent prepare plans and specifications, and advertise for bids, for the construction of a wall on Pond street, between Orchard street and the Arborway, the contractor to use such stone from Jamaica Park as conforms to the specifications.

VOTED, that, in view of the ambiguity of the specifications regarding the kind of stone to be used for building the wall on Beaver street, the bids received for the work be rejected, and that the specifications be amended and new proposals invited.

VOTED, that the bids received for bulkhead and filling, between Beacon street and the Harbor Commissioners' line, at the Fens, be rejected, in consequence of the proposed change of plan for treating this ground architecturally in connection with the proposed embankment on Charles river.

A communication from Consulting Architect F. W. Chandler, advising the approval of plans for the proposed club house for the Puritan Canoe Club, A. C. Fernald architect, was received and it was

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VOTED, to approve the plans, the Chairman to endorse said approval on the plans.

VOTED, that the proposal of the Lynn Stall Company for floors for the Franklin Park stable be accepted, and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the contract.

Adjourned to meet at the Chairman's office, December 29, at 11 A.M.

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BOSTON, DECEMBER 29, 1898.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Stratton's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

On recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED, to allow pay to those employees who were given a holiday on Christmas, Monday December 26th, and to allow half pay to James Kelly, janitor at Fire Bank, during continued absence from duty owing to sickness.

A communication was prepared and sent to the Mayor in answer to his request, to the Heads of Departments, for information concerning new or especially interesting work, during the past year, and plans and suggestions as to future work.

Estimates for loans for construction, aggregating $1,000,000, were considered for submission to the City Auditor, in accordance with Executive Circular number 51.

A draft was drawn against the Reserved Fund in favor of Thomas Donnelly for compensation for injuries, as requested by a vote of the Committee on Claims, approved by the Mayor.

An order of the City Council requesting that North End Park be flooded for skating, was received and placed on file.

A vote of the Committee on Claims recommending a settlement of the claim of Mute, Hallett & Company, for injuries to horses while employed in filling land on Alford street, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Street Commissioners regarding lines of Forest Hills street, and changes in grade of Mendum and Fair-

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view streets, and requesting a conference with regard to the relocation of streets adjoining Arnold Arboretum, was received and laid over.

A request of the Puritan Canoe Club for a lease of the location on the Strandway, previously assigned to the Club, was received and referred to the Secretary to draw up a form of lease.

A communication from Louis Wolf regarding an accident November 2nd, due to his horse taking fright from an electric motor carriage, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Civil Service Commission requesting name, date of birth, date of appointment and salary paid to each of the persons requested to be placed on the Messenger list, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A proposition for a settlement of the damages to his estate by the widening of Longwood avenue, was received from Isaac P. Clarke and taken under advisement.

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